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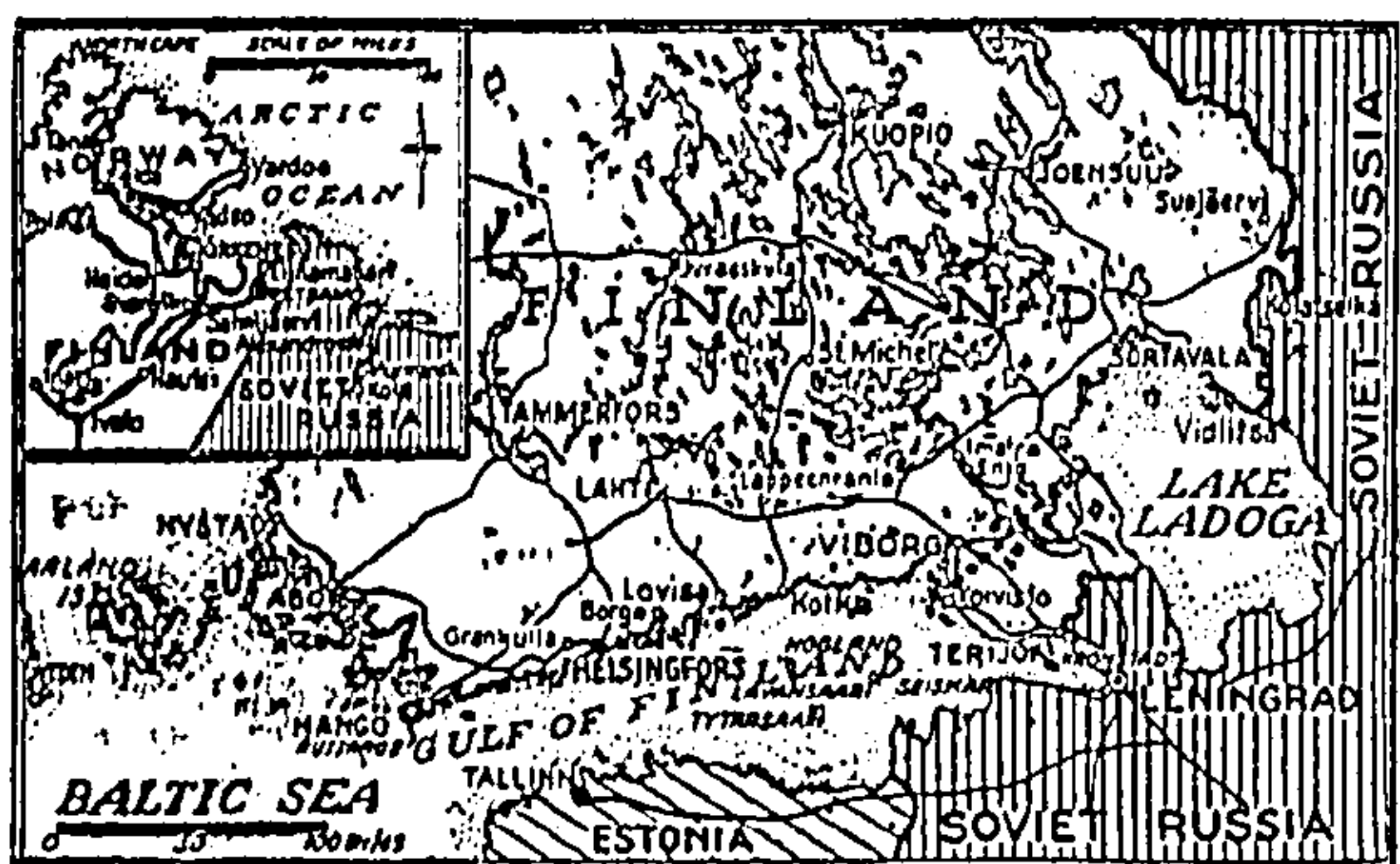
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ALLIED WARSHIPS OFF MURMANSK



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LONDON, Feb. 23 (UP).—OFFICIAL SILENCE IS BEING MAINTAINED IN NAVAL CIRCLES REGARDING COPENHAGEN REPORTS THAT A BRITISH FLEET IS LYING OFF MURMANSK.

However, informed quarters point out that a blockade of Murmansk would imply a warlike act against the port of a neutral Power with whom Britain is outwardly on good terms.

If the British fleet off Murmansk is watching for German shipping, or other shipping en route to Germany, it would be carrying out Contraband Control in that area similar to the control they have been exercising along all the major shipping lanes converging on Europe.

The British Fleet in that vicinity would have a two-fold purpose; firstly to prevent cargoes moving from Murmansk to Germany and secondly, to prevent German ships from returning from the Atlantic via the Arctic and reaching safely in Norwegian territorial waters.

Another possible explanation for the British fleet's presence near Murmansk would be the interruption of possible shipments of German war materials to Russia, which would be in line with the British seizures of German exports as authorised by Order in Council last November.

Hore-Belisha Speaks

URGES ALLIED AID FOR FINNS

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter). That France and Britain should throw all their weight by sea, air and land into the task of helping Finland was urged by Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the former Minister of War, addressing his constituents at Devonport today.

This was his first public speech since resigning the War Ministry.

No Easy Task

The Allies have no easy task before them, he said. To assure a triumph they must rely not on an internal enemy collapse, but defeat by an external force. The continued resistance of Finland gives reason to believe that Russia's might rests on insecure foundations.

The risk of helping Finland may be great but the risk of not helping her may be greater.

Does any body imagine that if Russia wins she will be satisfied with Finland or that Germany will not receive from Russia equivalent advantages in Scandinavia?

The Alternative

Control of Finland, Norway and Sweden by Germany and Russia would mean that our considerable purchases there could be stopped and that Germany would be able to organise additional markets for herself.

A well-planned adequate and decisive action now could curtail the duration of the war while any half-hearted intervention would be abortive from the start.

Weather Cause Of Explosion

No Sabotage Evidence Says Coroner

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—A verdict of accidental death was recorded at the inquest of the victims of the Waltham Abbey explosion last month.

The coroner said that there was no evidence of sabotage.

Evidence was given by Colonel Perrerau, military assistant to the Chief Superintendent of Ordnance Factories, that a Court of Enquiry had concluded that the most likely cause of the explosion was the abnormal weather.

The Court had considered it possible that it was due to the nitro-glycerine becoming frozen and had been inadvertently worked in that state by one of the operatives.

RUSSIANS POUND AT FINN CITY

BY RALPH FORTE

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 23 (UP).—The Red Army smashed through snow, and sleet in their climatic offensive against the Mannerheim Line in yesterday's attacks after losing more than 3,000 dead, according to a Finnish communiqué.

Russian tanks and artillery are participating in huge scale fighting before Viborg where, Finnish reports claim, a most furious war is in progress, the Red Army's attack being directed chiefly against Viborg.

The Finnish communiqué states that during Thursday's fighting Russian attacks were repulsed at Yla-Somme—about seven miles south of Viborg. It added that the Red Army's attacks were also directed towards Naykkijärvi and Kamara, railroad stations on the main line from Leningrad to Viborg.

Further it claimed that sixteen Russian tanks were destroyed during today's fighting.

Newspaper reports from Stockholm stated that there are unconfirmed reports that Stalin has arrived in Leningrad to participate in the Red Army's celebrations.

Newspapers Warned

Censorship Privilege Must Not Be Abused

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Sir Walter Monckton, Director-General of the Press Bureau, had a frank talk with journalists at a Press Club luncheon today.

Sir Walter gave a warning that certain newspapers, "who prefer to do their own censorship," would not be allowed indefinitely to escape regulations which the Press generally accepted.

Appeals For Fair Play

He had not had to institute proceedings against any newspaper but in two cases had submitted the papers to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Sir Walter Monckton recalled that submission of news for censorship was voluntary, and appealed to the defaulters not to take an unfair advantage of the rest of the Press by failing to submit news when necessary.

"If not, though I should hate it, I cannot let it rest there," he concluded.

BRITISH WARSHIPS STOP SOVIET, ITALIAN SHIPS

ISTANBUL, Feb. 23 (Dome).—British warships stopped and searched one Soviet and two Italian steamers near the Dardanelles allegedly in Turkish waters on Thursday, it was reported here today.

Must Not Let Europe Run Amok Again

Commander Stephen King-Hall's Suggestions For Real Peace

PARIS, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—"When the war is over we must see that for a long period—at least for two generations—that no state in Europe has a possibility of running amok," said Commander Stephen King-Hall when lecturing today to a fashionable French audience.

The responsibility therefore rests with England and France, he continued.

We must create in the minds of our two peoples fidelity, loyalty, respect and real affection for the country which is neither French nor British but Franco-British, he said.

The sacrifice would not end with the war, he said, and the danger was that once peace was obtained the people would exclaim "Let's get back to our normal life."

That, he said, would sow the seeds for a third war.

Consultative Council

We must not attempt to solve problems within the national framework. Steps should be taken to establish new departments in Britain and France, he said, and foreign ministers should be devoted to the task of working out ways and means of Anglo-French co-operation in peacetime.

"I would establish a consultative Council, 50 per cent. French and 50 per cent. British. This would do for Anglo-French co-operation what the Dominions Office does for relations between the Dominions and Britain," he continued.

Asking why Europe was afflicted each generation with a major war, Commander King-Hall said that the

reason was that there were two sorts of nations at different stages of political evolution. One group included England, France, Holland, and Sweden, for example, who understood that we were living in the twentieth century. The other group, he said, comprised the Russians and Germans who were still in the 10th or 18th century.

Holland Makes A Discovery

Illuminated Signals Used By Spies

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Following the discovery of a spy ring in Holland, arrests are expected shortly in connection with luminous balls which have recently been fired into the air at night in various parts of the country.

The purpose of the balls is evidently to guide foreign aircraft.

It is already reported, though it is not confirmed, that some people being held in connection with the spy plot, are suspected of having sent them up.

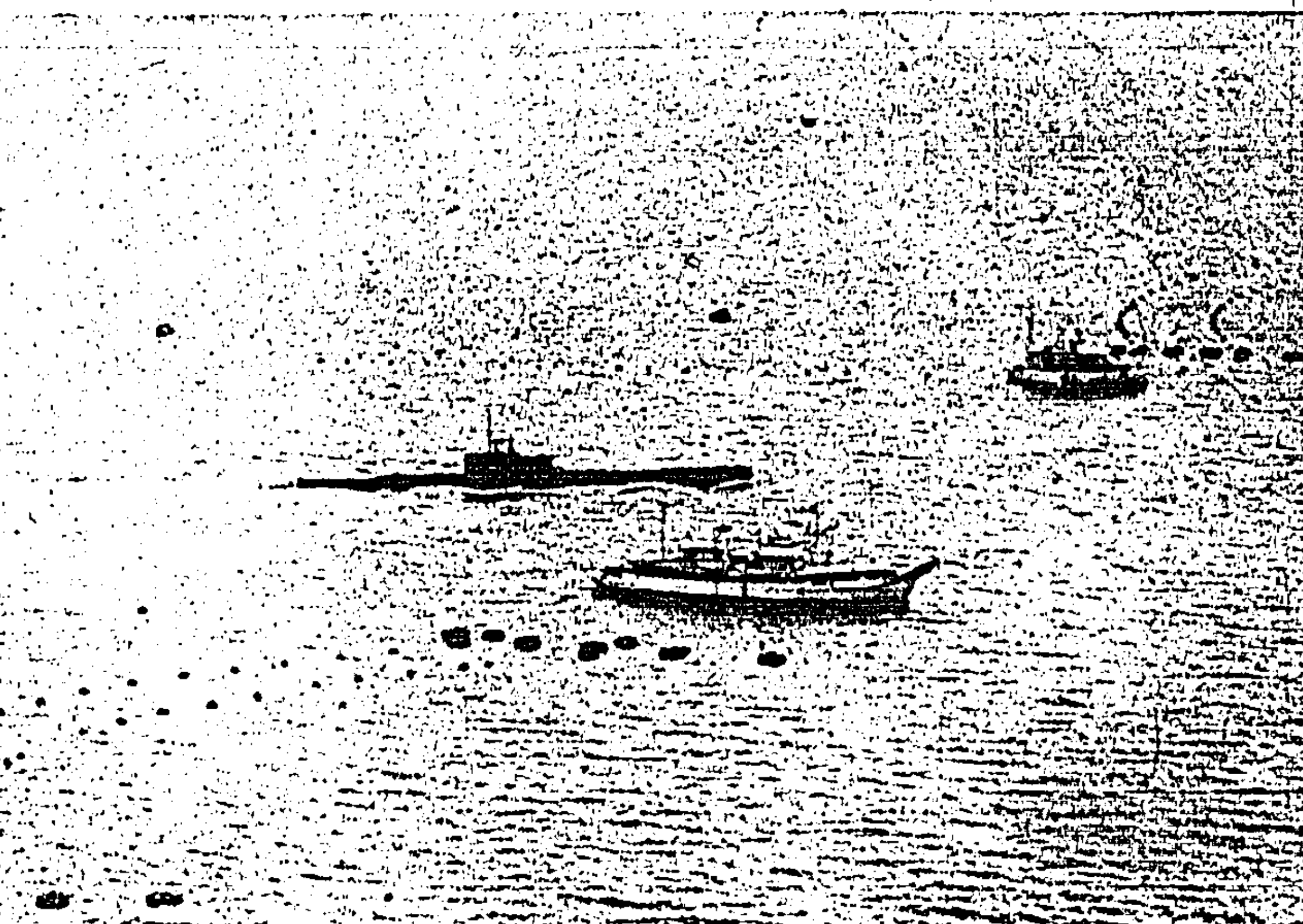
The military authorities meanwhile are investigating reports that further coloured balls were shot in the sky near Amsterdam and Leiden a few nights ago.

The existence of the spy ring was disclosed with the arrest of six persons, including a German, at Groningen in north Holland. Police investigation followed the attempted escape of two foreign soldiers who had been interned.

Messrs. Fung, Kong-uen and Kan Tong-ko have been nominated as members of the Court of the University of Hongkong for a further period of three years.

HONGKONG PREPARES:

Below we publish further photographs of a new series, specially taken by Norman Soong, of Hongkong's defence preparations. These photographs will appear daily in the "Telegraph".



THE BOOM across the main channel into Hongkong harbour. A submarine going out for patrol duty.

Nazi Plane Shot Down In Essex

R.A.F. Attack On German Warships

"SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Feb. 23 (UP).—Anti-aircraft guns fired on and unconfirmedly shot down a German raider off the Essex coast.

People in Essex said they saw in the far distance, a big puff of smoke directly under the raider after which a black object, believed to have been the plane, hurtled to the ground.

There were no air-raid alarms and no bombs were dropped.

The raider was first sighted coming in from the sea at 11 a.m.

It is also reported that a German raider flying at high altitude was sighted off the Norfolk coast. R.A.F. fighter planes darted to the scene and shortly afterwards bomb explosions and machine-gun fire were heard.

Inhabitants in the Boker district of Sunderland reported they sighted a bomber flying so low that the swastika was plainly visible.

To all the foregoing, however, the Air Ministry officially denied knowledge of any German air activity during the morning.

Attack On Warships

Air circles so far have no information regarding the extent of the damage the R.A.F. inflicted on German warships yesterday, pointing out that it was most difficult to ascertain, since the action occurred in the darkness.

The number of R.A.F. planes was not mentioned; however, a German communiqué mentioned three Wellingtons of which one was alleged to have been shot down.

LATEST

Britain Replies To U.S. Protest

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Britain's reply to the United States' note of December 8 protesting against the British blockade of German exports was received by the State Department today.

It is understood that the note defends the British position and recalls that some concessions have been made for German exports already paid for by Americans.

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What did
the Traveller say—
arriving at an
obvious conclusion?

"Good old
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WALKER**

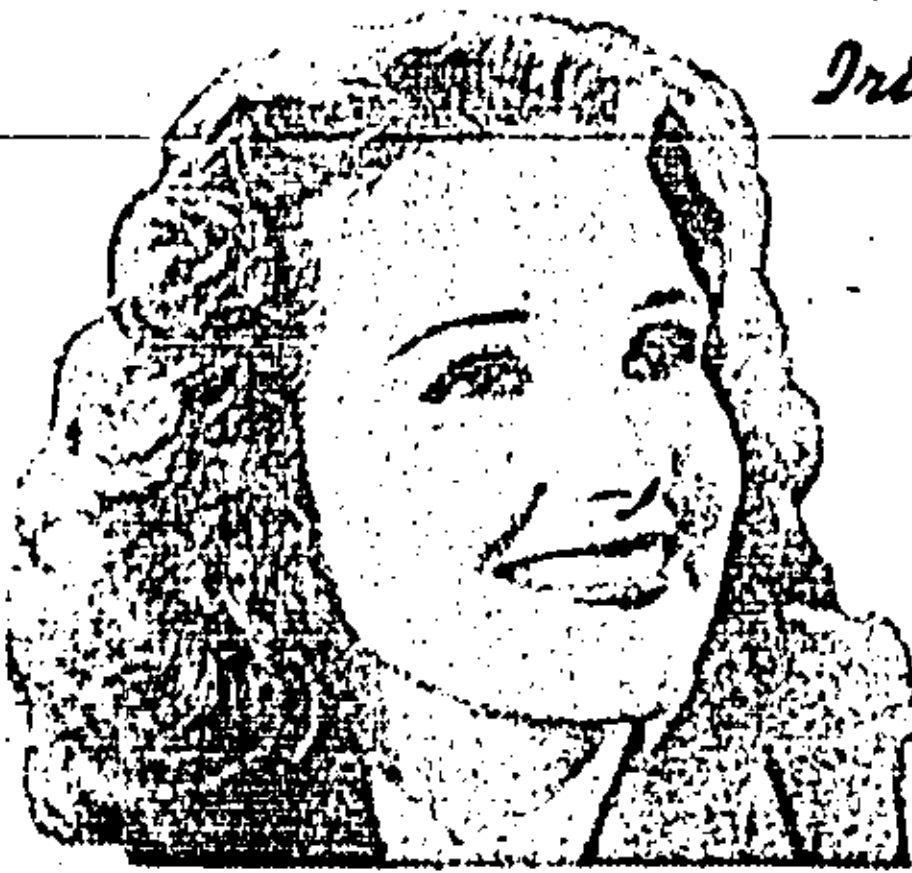
-there's a whisky
for you"



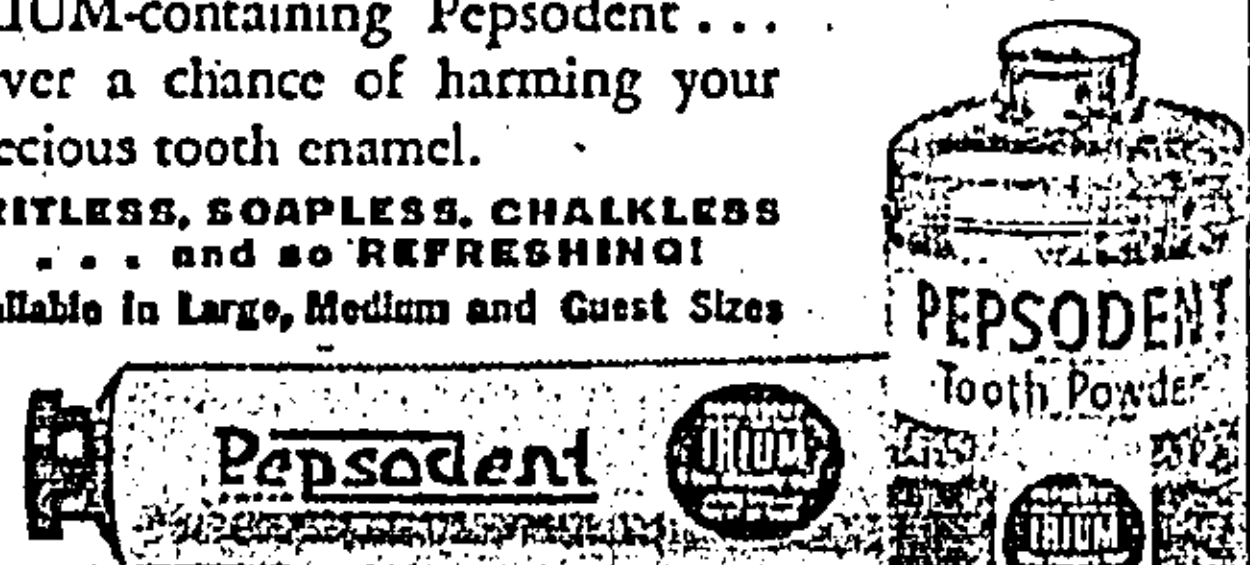
"Good old Johnnie Walker" is not only an enthusiastic tribute; it is also an accurate description of this famous whisky. "Good" is something of an understatement considering that Johnnie Walker is blended from all the finest whiskies of Scotland; "old" recalls the many years these whiskies matured in the wood before blending.

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"THIN MAN" TAKES A BRIDE



Hollywood's film colony received a surprise at the announcement that William Powell, the screen "Thin Man," had been married to Diana Lewis, screen actress. He's 47; she's 21. They are shown at Las Vegas, Nevada, after their wedding.

Poles Ordered To Bow Before New Nazi Masters

A DECREE issued by the Nazi police administrator in the Polish town of Torun gives evidence of the ruthless and brutal treatment of the Polish population by the conquering Germans.

Dated October 27, 1939, it begins:
"In order to curb the insolent behaviour of a part of the Polish population, I decree as follows:

"The Polish inhabitants of both sexes are obliged to make way in the streets before representatives of the German Authority in so far as the latter can be recognised by their uniforms or arm-badges. The streets belong to the victors and not to the vanquished."

It goes on to order Poles to uncover before Nazi officials, and forbids them to use the "Heil Hitler" greeting.

Decree for Women

Section 7 says: "Anyone accosting or annoying German women or girls will receive exemplary punishment." No mention is made of similar protection for Polish women.

On the contrary, the next paragraph provides: "Polish females who accost or annoy Germans will be confined to brothels."

The order concludes with this sinister sentence: "Poles who have not yet grasped that they are the vanquished and we the victors, and

who act against the above regulations, are exposing themselves to the most severe punishment."

Fate of the Balts

Conditions far different from those promised them are now facing the Baltic emigrants who were brought from their homes by Hitler to colonise parts of conquered Poland.

A Belgian journalist who arrived recently in Brussels from the Polish frontier reports that 48,000 Germans from Latvia and 12,000 from Estonia are scattered over districts of Poznan and Pomerania. It is reckoned that at least 200,000 Germans will be needed to colonise these parts, where Germans before the war were a minority of only 12 per cent.

The immigrants, who are scattered among villages and estates are having great difficulties in this "purely German country."

Acts of vengeance by the Poles are common, and the struggle between inhabitants and colonists is called in the Nazi Press "the struggle against banditry."

In the local papers reports of the proceedings of tribunals give significant stories. In one place young Germans were killed by a Pole. In another an unknown party killed all the members of a well-known German family. Listeners have been asked on the wireless to attend a mass for "57 comrades, victims of Polish banditry."

Shot by Customer

"In Poznan a German hair-dresser who had just attended to a Polish customer and was taking his money was shot dead by the customer. The Pole shot himself afterwards, and it was found that he had been turned out of the business to make way for the Baltic German."

Many of the immigrants have had to settle down to quite novel conditions. Middle-class and professional men and women from Riga and Tallinn are working in fields and farms protected by Storm Troops and secret police.

Former bankers and business men are to be seen running military soup kitchens in garrison towns. The Polish inhabitants are being systematically turned out of their homes and farms, the Germans having now realised that they refuse to co-operate with their conquerors.

Check On Cycling In Reich

HAVING made private motoring illegal, the Nazis are now putting a check on cycling. Tyres must be saved.

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By SOMERSET MAUGHAM

I DO not believe that the world yet realises how intense the French effort is and with what determination the whole country has applied its energies to the prosecution of the struggle.

Nor do I think people yet realise the spirit that has enabled the French nation to accept with fortitude and resignation the sacrifices they have been called upon to make.

I have spent six weeks making a survey of the activities of France.

I have been to the Front, I have visited a naval base, I have seen the factories in which are manufactured all things necessary for modern war from great cannon to shirts for the troops; I have stayed in the districts to which refugees from Alsace and Lorraine have been evacuated; I have talked to hundreds of people, from generals in command of an army corps to the humble priests of country parishes.

Though twice the time I had at my disposal would have been needed to give me even a bird's eye view of all that strenuous endeavour I have at least learnt a variety of things which I think it would be well for the world to know.

Thrice Called To Arms

EVERYONE knows with what efficiency France completed her mobilisation.

But what many people are apt to forget is that the French nation has been mobilised three times in one year. In September 1938, in the following March, and then again last August, all the able-bodied men of France between the ages of twenty and fifty were taken from their peaceful avocations to put on their uniform and assist the country in its peril.

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A scene in France in 1918

France was dislocated. Is it surprising that they said it is too much? Is it surprising that they said to one another: "This time we must make an end of it: 'It is too much.'"

They set their teeth. I think there are few men in France who do not share the common feeling that this time they are going to see it through. They are going to fight now to the bitter end and they will never accept a peace that will expose their again, perhaps in a short time, to the affliction, loss and inconvenience of another mobilisation. I have known the French all my life; I have never known them more calm, more resolute and more single-minded.

What ignorance of the French temper it showed when the Germans thought that in France they were fighting a house against a house!

Three Wars With the Huns

WHEN I was on the front I met one of the ablest gen-

erals the army possesses; he told me his mother was 86 and she had seen Germany at war with France three times.

"It is too much," he said. And when I was visiting the refugees I talked with a funny little old woman with white hair. "I'm over 80," she told me, "and this is the third time I've had to flee from my house in Lorraine." And she added: "It is too much."

It gave me a curious little pang in my heart to hear the poor old peasant woman use the selfsame words as the distinguished general had used.

The French want to be free for ever from the danger presented by an aggressive and belligerent neighbour; they want to be sure that for at least a century they will be safe from invasion, they want to spare their children from the horror of war which they have had to endure twice within twenty-five years; they want to be allowed to till their fields and tend their vineyards and devote themselves to the arts of peace.

They, Too, Blame

Versailles

MOST intelligent Frenchmen will tell you that France is not essentially an industrial nation, it is a nation above all of peasants and peasant-farmers.

Its artificers are little interested in mass-production; they prefer to give their time and attention to articles that require for their manufacture, taste and the personal touch.

Frenchmen have a deep-seated feeling that what they have to give the world does not compete with the products of the industrial nations. Their most valuable exports are those spiritual values which enlarge the mind and add to the elegance, variety and beauty of life.

There is a bitter feeling among the people of France that the present war has been thrust upon them by the obstinacy of the Allies at the Peace Conference which prevented them from obtaining the safeguards which they were convinced were necessary in order to prevent a resumption of the struggle for existence.

Many of them already foresaw in 1920 that with Germany united as it had never been before, it was inevitable.

They realise that the attitude that the Allies adopted was due to their fear of French Imperialism. But the French are not an imperialistic nation. I am not now giving my own opinions but merely repeating what I have heard from the mouths of all manner of persons, persons in all walks of life.

It is very generally admitted that the Napoleonic Imperialism was a disaster to France. The Colonial Empire has been won almost by accident and the sense of it has never entered into the consciousness of the French as our own Empire has into that of the English.

The feeling is universal, I think, that with a democracy like that of France imperialism is out of the question; in the fierceness of political animosities a government that showed any tendencies in that direction would stand no chance of subsisting.

All Germany Is Her Enemy

But the census offers the conclusive argument against the possibility of imperialism. There are forty million people in France and the number is diminishing; unless urgent measures are taken after the war to augment it, in another generation the population will be alarmingly smaller.

Jean Giraudoux, who is not only a distinguished official at the Quai d'Orsay, but also an author of great talent, had me recently that he ascribed it to the wars that France had suffered from during the last century, for before 1870 the natality of the country continued to increase; he suggested that the fear of war and the uncertainty of the

future had made people unwilling to burden themselves with large families and he expressed the opinion that the certainty of an enduring peace would cause a great change in this respect.

The Code Of Napoleon

IN the country they told me the responsibility must be attributed to the Code Napoleon which obliged the peasant-farmer to divide his land equally between his children and rather than break up his farm he limited his family to one son who could carry on, with, at the most perhaps a second in case the first one died.

Others have told me that the cause was to be sought in the selfishness of parents who hesitated to sacrifice their comforts to the needs of numerous children.

But, whatever the cause, the fact stands that the French are a nation of forty million people and they are confronted by a nation twice as large.

"How can we hope to go on holding our own against that vast number," they ask you, "unless this time at last we succeed in making ourselves unassailable?"

It is not territories they need, they have not the population to people them; it is security.

To get it, they are prepared for any sacrifice, for any sacrifice of ease and money and for the great sacrifice of life, and I think it is as well that the world at large should realise that they are determined not to allow themselves again to be cheated of it.

The French do not believe that they can attain security merely by overthrowing Hitler and his government. The French are not at war with a band of gangsters; they are at war with Germany. They are convinced that if the Nazi leaders were overthrown Germany would in a short time spawn other leaders as ruthless and as dangerous. They have not forgotten Bismarck and William II.

One brought an army to invade their land in 1870 and the other in 1914. They look upon Hitler as an embodiment of all the instincts of aggression and the desire of domination of the German people and these his destruction will do nothing to eradicate.

No France is at war, doggedly, resolutely, heroically, not with Hitler and the Nazis only, but with Germany. She is prepared to live at peace with Germany, but only with a Germany powerless to threaten her security.

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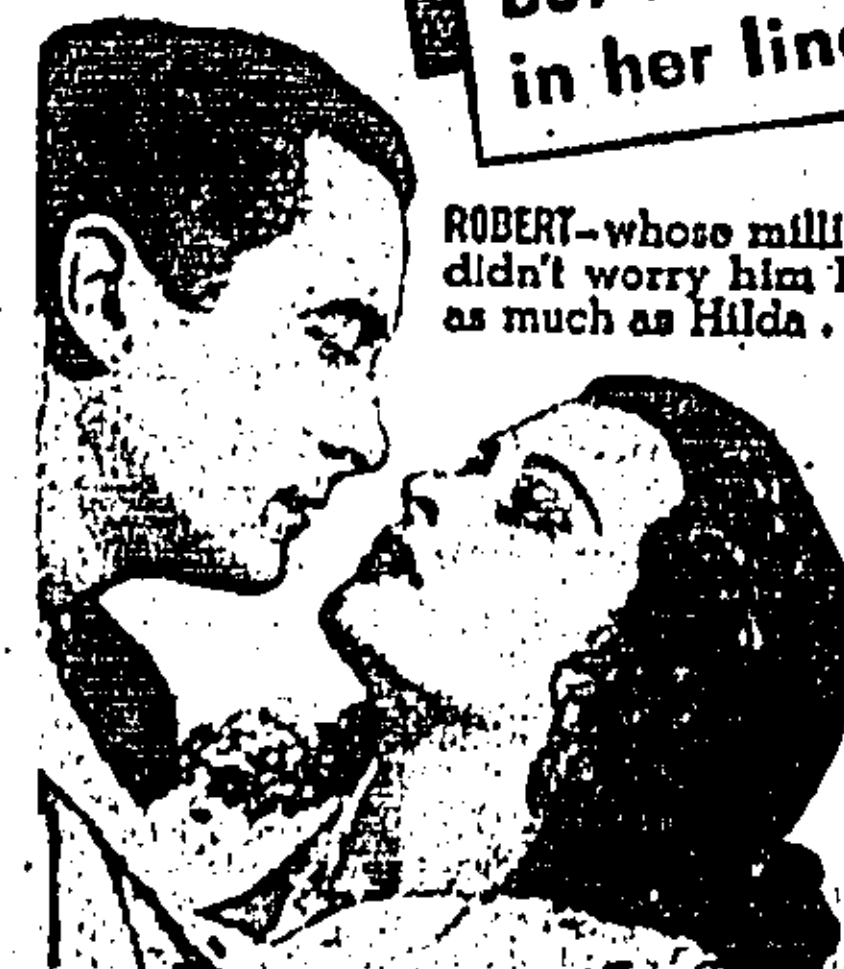
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Girls' and Boys' Corner

Dear Kiddies, Last week's colouring competition was very well done. I could see by the entries that many of you had spent a lot of time on colouring the picture.

The prize-winners this week are:— Mary Grace Ascho (aged 13½), St. Stephen's College, Stanley.

Joan Thomson (aged 10), "Domum," Sassoon Road, Pokfulam. Sylvia Reid (4½), 3 W. O. Quarters, Stanley.

Coupons have been sent to Mary Grace, Joan and Sylvia which I want them to bring to the "Hongkong Telegraph" offices in Wyndham Street. The coupons will then be exchanged for money prizes.

Specially commended for excellent work are the following:—

Seniors: Joan Gordon, Alice Lee, Winifred Barman, Paul Wilson, Cynthia Silver, Chaz Khan, Priscilla Wheeler, Ho Man-chen, G. Brummer, Patricia Reid, Dicky Yip.

Intermediates: Horacio Ozorio, Roberto Quan, John Fleming, Betty Davies, Eleanor Sanger, Fung King-cheung, S. S. Bux, Alan Dobbs, Betty Young, Roberto Vas.

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Name Age

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This week, kiddies, I want you to study the pictures given above. The names of six different fruits are hidden in these pictures. Can you find them?

If you can, write them down in a neat numbered list. Fill in the name, age and address column and send your entries to Uncle Eddie c/o "Hongkong Telegraph," Wyndham Street. The competition will close on Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Three prizes will again be given—one for the best entry in each age section.

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- 13—Tire manufacturer
- 14—Abandoned ship
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- 16—The end
- 17—And not
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CHURCH NOTICES

ST. ANDREW'S (CHURCH OF ENGLAND, KOWLOON)
Special Lenten Address By
Rev. J. R. Higgs

Sunday, February 25. Third Sunday in Lent.
Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
Matins and address at 11 a.m. Subject: "Challenge the pessimist." Preacher: The Vicar.
Evening service at 6.15 p.m. Subject: "Why I believe in the Church of England." Preacher: The Vicar.
These sermons will be preached in connection with a special course of Lenten addresses.

The Sunday evening club will meet as usual after the evening service in the Chatter Room.
Primary Sunday School in the Hall, 10 a.m. Leader: Miss W. Robinson.
Young People's Service in Church, 10 a.m. Leader: Mrs. J. R. Higgs.

Monday, February 26.—Medical War Working Party 10 a.m.; Fellowship of Youth and War Working Party for B.W.O.F. 6.15 p.m.; Boy Scouts, 7 p.m.; St. Andrew's Club Table Tennis and Games Evening, 8.30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 27.—Medical War Working Party 10 a.m.; Fellowship of Youth and War Working Party for B.W.O.F. 6.15 p.m.; Boy Scouts, 7 p.m.; St. Andrew's Club Table Tennis and Games Evening, 8.30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 28.—Holy Communion 10 a.m.; Fellowship of Youth and War Working Party 10 a.m.; Wolf Cubs, 5.30 p.m.; Bannockburn match, St. Andrew's Club versus Kowloon Young Men's Club, 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's Club Whist Drive at 7.15 a.m.; St. Andrew's Club Whist Drive at 7.15 a.m.
Thursday, March 1.—Lenten Prayer and Meditation, 10.30 a.m.; Women's Service, 10.30 a.m.; War Working Party for B.W.O.F. 6.15 p.m.; Boy Scouts, 7 p.m.; St. Andrew's Club Whist Drive at 7.15 a.m.; St. Andrew's Club Whist Drive at 7.15 a.m.
Friday, March 2.—Medical War Working Party 10 a.m.; Confirmation Class 4.45 p.m.; Full Choir Practice, 6.30 p.m.; Toot in the Church, 6.45 p.m.

CHRIST CHURCH (KOWLOON TONG)

The Bishop to Preach at Evensong

Feb. 23 3rd Sunday in Lent.
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Matins and Evensong. Children's Service. The Vicar.
6.30 p.m. Special Lenten Evensong and Sermon. Preacher: The Bishop of Hong Kong. Subject: "The right use of the Holy Communion." (Supper and discussion after Evensong to which the congregation is invited.)
Junior Sunday School only at 9 a.m. at 3 Duke of Edinburgh Road.
Wednesday, Feb. 22.—Beverly Guild Meeting in the Vicarage at 8.30 p.m.; Toot in the Church, 6.45 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 23.—Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m. Mandarin Service.
A Service in Mandarin is held every Sunday in Christ Church at 11 a.m. The preacher for Sunday, Feb. 25, will be the Rev. Raymond Kong of Trinity College, Kowloon.

METHODIST CHURCH (QUEEN'S ROAD EAST)

General Committee Meeting On Wednesday

Services on Sunday, February 25.
Preachers—Morning, Rev. E. Moreton; Evening, Rev. J. E. Sandbach.
Junior Church at 9.30 a.m. All children welcome.
Morning Service at 10.15 a.m. Hymns No. 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

LESSON SERMON

First Church of Christ Scientist, Hong Kong

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches is "to-morrow, to-morrow, to-morrow." The Golden Text will be—"Great is our Lord, and of great power, his understanding is infinite." (Ps. 147:5). Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible—"But where

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 21st March, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March, 1940, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:

"That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company 'as on the 1st day of July, 1940, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.

"2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

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shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding? The depth saith, It is not in me, and the sea saith, It is not with me. Whence then cometh wisdom, and where is the place of understanding? God understandeth the way thereof." (Job. 28:12, 14, 20, 21).
The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy—
"From a material standpoint, 'Canst thou by searching find out God?' All must be Mind, or else all must be matter. The testimony of the material senses is neither absolute nor divine. Belief in a material basis, from which may be deduced all rationality, is slowly yielding to the idea of a metaphysical basis, looking away from matter to Mind as the cause of every effect." (Page 351, 203, & 204).

First Church of Christ Scientist, Hong Kong (in branch of the Mother Church, Boston, Mass.) No. 11 Macdonnell Road, close to Peak Tram Station. Sunday Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 8 p.m. A Ready Room is located in the Church (except Sunday) open every morning from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evening from 8.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. All authorised Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

UNION CHURCH (KENNEDY ROAD)

Morning Service 10.30 a.m. Evening Service 8 p.m.
Preacher at both services, Rev. K. MacKenzie Dow.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

TENNIS TOURNAMENT 1940

Entries close To-day, 24th February, 1940, at 6 p.m.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 26th day of February, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Area in sq. feet	Upset Price
1	No. 4211	Between To Kwa Wan and To Kwa Wan Road, South West of the Island Lot No. 4188.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	20,500	20,500	\$19,500
			as per sale plan.			

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 26th day of February, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tytam, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Area in sq. feet	Upset Price
2	No. 433	Opposite Rural Building Lot No. 147, Island Road, Tytam.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	172	172	\$3,750
			as per sale plan.			

JEWS AND ARABS GET TOGETHER

Happier Relations Being Restored

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—An American agency message in New York papers from Jerusalem states: "Arab boys and Jewish girls are dancing together in Jerusalem cabarets. This is symptomatic of the greatly improved Jewish-Muslim relations as the result of Palestine's war preparations."

A tour of the Holy Land provides evidence that the Jews and Arabs have forgotten their differences in the new economic life which the constantly-arriving British troops have injected into Palestine.

In many places Jews and Arabs are seen working peacefully side by side digging trenches, filling sandbags and building barracks.

Mr. A. Ritchie, of Messrs. Lowe, Dingham and Matthews, has been appointed liquidator of the affairs of Mr. C. G. Melchers, formerly of Messrs. Melchers and Company in Hongkong.

Red Army Disappointed

London, Feb. 23. Soviet troops are still some miles from Viborg, where the Red Army promised to celebrate its 22nd birthday to-day. The Russians are bombarding the city while considerable forces of new troops and a large number of tanks have been sent out to the battle in a huge "birthday effort" to drive a breach in the Mannerheim Line.

The Finns continue to counter-attack strongly and claim to have beaten back the Russians. All the strength of the Red Army offensive appears to be aimed at the Finnish right flank, where the fortress of Kolvasto still holds out to harass the advance of the invaders.—Reuter.

Heavy Russian Losses

Helsingfors, Feb. 23. A correspondent with the Finnish Army north-east of Lake Ladoga reports that he saw hundreds of Russians crumpled up grotesquely in another attack near a road over which he travelled. He saw over 900 Russians carpeting the snow. A Finnish officer explained that they tried to break through and surround the Finns after loudspeakers had warned them that they would be destroyed unless they surrendered. The Russians relied with machine gun fire, but the machine gun fire of the Finns was so intense that practically none escaped.

Attempts to relieve the Russian 18th Division have been repulsed. The remainder of one relief column is now being cleared up. Under normal conditions the Finns would have cleaned up these Russian fragments weeks ago, but upon being attacked they took the role of defenders and dug themselves in. Several Russians crossed the border north of Lake Ladoga. The correspondent says he saw the remains of the 18th Division—litter of twisted corpses and twisted metal strewn over a huge area of lost ground. There were hundreds of bodies.—United Press.

Russians Try Hard

Helsingfors, Feb. 23. The Russians are trying hard to break through, but so far the Finnish line remains impregnable. The enemy losses continued to mount on the Finnish protective curtain of artillery fire and numerous tanks. Many tanks have become bogged in the deep snow.

The new No Man's Land appears to be in the Kolvasto area on the mainland which is under intense artillery fire from the fort batteries on the Gulf of Bothnia islands, which are in the hands of the Finns.—United Press.

Thaw Sets In

Stockholm, Feb. 23. Soviet troops are still held by the Finns although they are now only about 14 miles from Viborg at their nearest point. At last thaw has set in and this may prove of decisive help to the Finns. The Russians apparently have not come into proper contact with the Finnish second line of defence in the Mannerheim Line.

The Dagens Nyheter says that 30 women doctors and about 500 officers and political commissars are among 1,000 Russians surrounded by the Finns at Syakysjärvi, north of Lake Ladoga. The Finns are gradually closing up this isolated force. The supply of fighting aircraft to the Finns is now enabling the air force to take the offensive and not merely remain on the defensive. This means that the Finns are now engaging the Russian fighters and not confine their activities to shooting down bombers. Eleven out of 17 Russian planes shot down on Tuesday were fighters.—Reuter.

Red Army's Birthday

London, Feb. 23. The Moscow radio opened the 22nd anniversary of the Red Army to-day. "Under the relentless blows of our Army, the white-guarded base for attacking Leningrad is falling to pieces," says the Pravda.
The Red leaders should not jell themselves to sleep because of past successes, great as they may have been. Our Army and Navy render effective counter-blows to the enemy who attacked the Soviet Union, being incited by Britain and France, and at present our Army is effectively crushing the enemy's main fortifications.—United Press.

French Convoys' Achievements

PARIS, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Of a total of 2,000 merchant ships sailing 12,300 tons, conveyed by the French Navy since the beginning of the war only three have been sunk. The French Navy has escorted 110 convoys and co-operated with the British Navy in 33 other convoys.

Gallant French Pilot Decorated

PARIS, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The young French sergeant pilot who shot down four Nazi planes has been awarded a military medal.
On November 7 he chased a German bomber for 12 miles into German territory before shooting it down.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. H. A. Keller to act as Honorary Consul for Switzerland in Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

The King's Exequatur empowering Monsieur L. O. F. Reynaud to act as French Consul-General in Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

T. K. Abbott, M.B. B.S. (Sydney), n.p.m. (Lond.), has been appointed to be a Health Officer.

HONGKONG SHIP CAPTURES NAZIS

BERLIN, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—According to a German news agency message from Lisbon, the British auxiliary cruiser, Comorin, stopped a Portuguese steamer, Nyasa, bound for Mossamedes from Lourenco Marques, and removed 12 German passengers, including the wives of two.

Investigating Altmarek Raid

British, Nazi Consuls At Enquiry

OSLO, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The British and German Consuls were present to-day at Juossing Fjord when a Norwegian court of enquiry started investigations into the Altmarek affair.
The main object of the enquiry is to take statements of eye-witnesses and Norwegian naval officers with a view to establishing the facts of the case.

The British and German versions are in sharp contradiction, each maintaining that the other fired first. Several officers of the Altmarek were present but the authorities decided that they need not make statements unless they wished.
The Court of Enquiry has decided not to reveal its proceedings.

R.A.F. Meet Nazi Guns

But Escape Safely

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Reuter's correspondent with the Royal Air Force says that German anti-aircraft guns went into action without success against the British bombers which flew over Austria and Bohemia. The guns, says the correspondent, failed to score a hit as the planes twisted and turned.
No German fighter planes were seen. The planes, which have now returned to France, revealed that landfalls were dropped.

TRIBUTES TO RIVER PLATE FIGHT HEROES

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in hand were all brought safely into port.

Churchill's Warning
The Admiralty and the Fleet were learning together the special conditions of this hard, novel war, but he warned that mistakes and accidents would occur and that sorrow would fall from time to time upon us.
To the glories of the action of the River Plate, there was recently added an episode, namely, last week's rescue under the noses of the enemy and amid the tangles of a one-sided neutrality, of the British captives by the Cossack, proving that the long arm of British sea power could be stretched not only for our foes but also for our faithful friends.

To Nelson's immortal signal, "England Expects Every Man to do His Duty," might now be added, "The Navy Is Here."

NEW RECRUITS IN H.K.D.R.

The following have been enrolled in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

COMBATANT GROUP: S. G. Davis and W. C. Low.
KEY POSTS: D. C. Cairns, E. A. Chater, J. Gellatly, A. E. P. Guest, B. C. K. Hawkins, J. Jolly, N. C. McLeod, J. F. McGowan, W. S. Smith, J. P. Whitfield, R. H. Woodman, J. Angwin, H. Barrett, F. W. Bradley, W. Bruce, W. J. Buller, A. V. Hodges, D. Kockic, B. A. Mansell, Isaac Newton, H. V. Pearce, A. McArthur Thomson.
ESSENTIAL SERVICES: J. C. Lang.

TRANSFERS: Julius Ring has been transferred from the Essential Services group to the Combatant group.
F. B. Winter has been granted permission to quit the Defence Reserve, with effect from February 15.

WAR MINISTER'S BULLS-EYES

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Mr. Oliver Stanley, Minister of War, tried out a Bren machine gun at Aldershot to-day.
With his second burst he scored a bulls-eye.

He was visiting the Canadian troops and Major General A. L. MacNaughton, Commander-in-Chief, was present.
On Thursday, Her Majesty the Queen sent gifts to officers and men of the Toronto Scottish Regiment of which she is Colonel-in-Chief. They are training at Aldershot.

The jurisdiction of Don G. S. de Eric y O'Shea, Spanish Consul in Bombay, has been extended to include Hongkong.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. K. Okazaki to act as Consul-General of Japan in Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

Deliberate Perjury

A 40-year-old Shanghai Chinese, Luk Yuen-sang, described as unemployed, appeared before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with the theft of member's badge from Mr. A. T. V. Ribeiro, of 14 Junction Road, Kowloon, in the Members' Enclosure of the Hongkong Jockey Club on Tuesday.

Yip Wai, district watchman No. 51, said he had noticed Luk acting in a suspicious manner in the Public Enclosure prior to the robbery, and shadowed him. About 4.30 p.m. Luk crossed with a mass of people from the Public to the Members' Enclosure. Luk held a banknote in his hand, giving the impression that he was going to buy tickets. As he mixed with the crowd, witness observed him peeping into people's pockets.

While the crowd was watching a race, Luk walked up to and stood by Mr. Ribeiro's side. Witness saw him place his hand on Mr. Ribeiro's shoulder and under cover of a booklet he was holding, unfasted the badge from the lapel of Mr. Ribeiro's coat. Witness then caught hold of Luk and found the badge in his hand.

Mr. Ribeiro told the Court he recognized the badge by the number. Luk denied the charge, and said he saw the badge lying on the ground. The district watchman picked it up and accused him of stealing it.
Mr. Sheldon, remarking that he had committed deliberate perjury throughout the case, sentenced him to two months' hard labour.

Hunt For U-Boats

London, Feb. 23. British warships early this morning were seeking two U-Boats off the British coast. One attacked the British steamer Cape St. Andrew (5,004 tons) off Aberdeen, and the second was sighted yesterday off the east coast by the Finnish steamer Brita (2,621 tons).
The U-Boats are believed to be among several German submarines participating in unrestricted submarine warfare near the British coast. Two were attacked by coastal command planes yesterday.—United Press.

Anglo-Rumanian Trade Discussions

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—It is learnt that the Rumanian reply to a recent British enquiry concerning the purpose of the newly-formed Oil Control Board, and the reasons for the increase of Rumanian oil supplies to Germany, is regarded by authoritative circles in Britain as authoritative basis for further discussion designed to improve trading relations between Rumania and Britain.
The two Governments are now in close contact with a view to achieving that result.

Hongkong Singers

The Hongkong Singers' next recital will be given in the Great Hall of the University on Tuesday, March 12, at 8.30 p.m., when a selection of part songs by Brahms, Parry and Vaughan Williams will be rendered. The Singers will be assisted by Ettore Pellegatti, cellist.

Gen. Von Gronau Dies, Aged 90

BERLIN, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The death is announced of General Von Gronau, aged 90, who fought in the Franco-Russian War and the Great War.

"Some Aviation Activity"

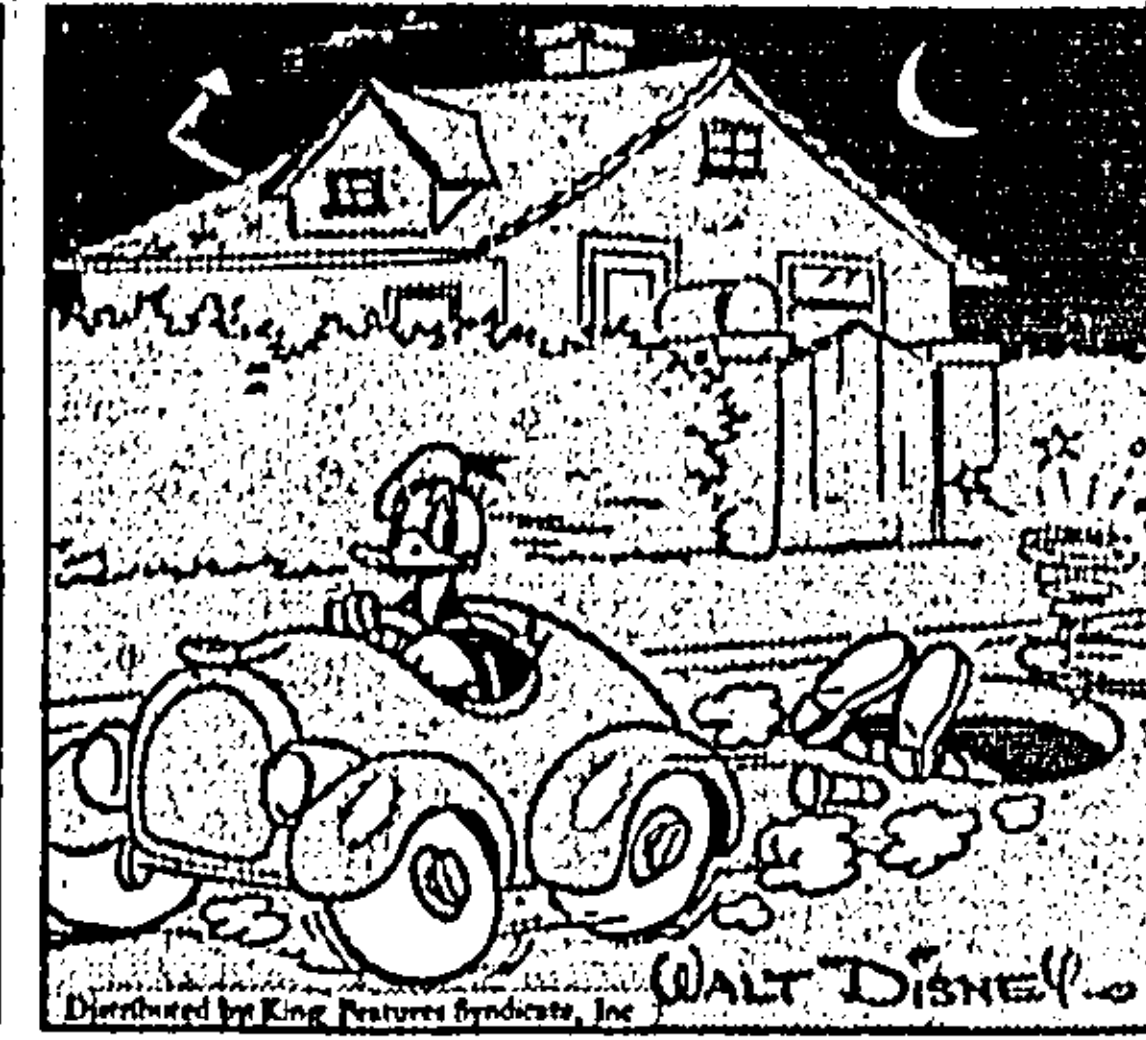
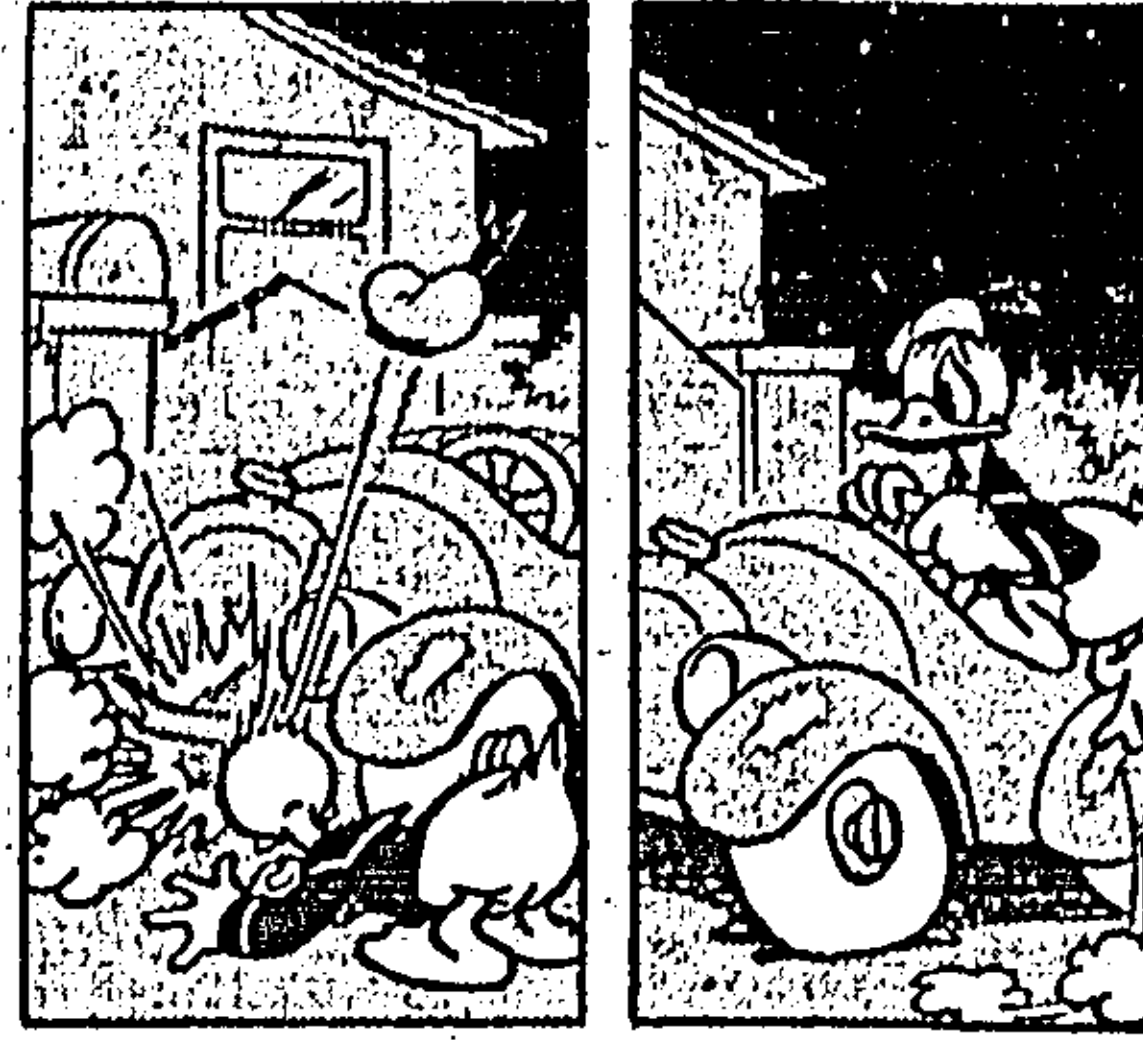
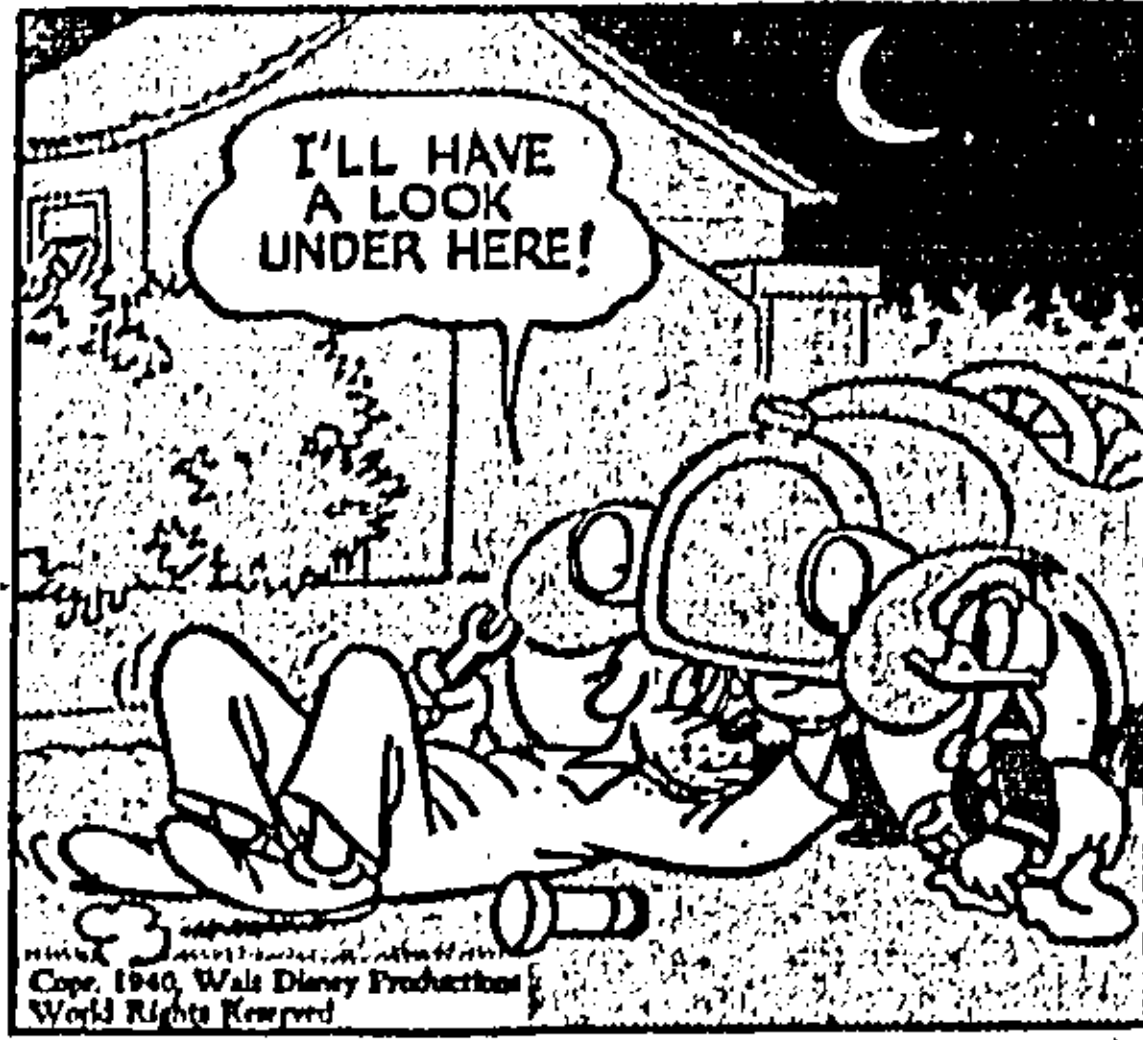
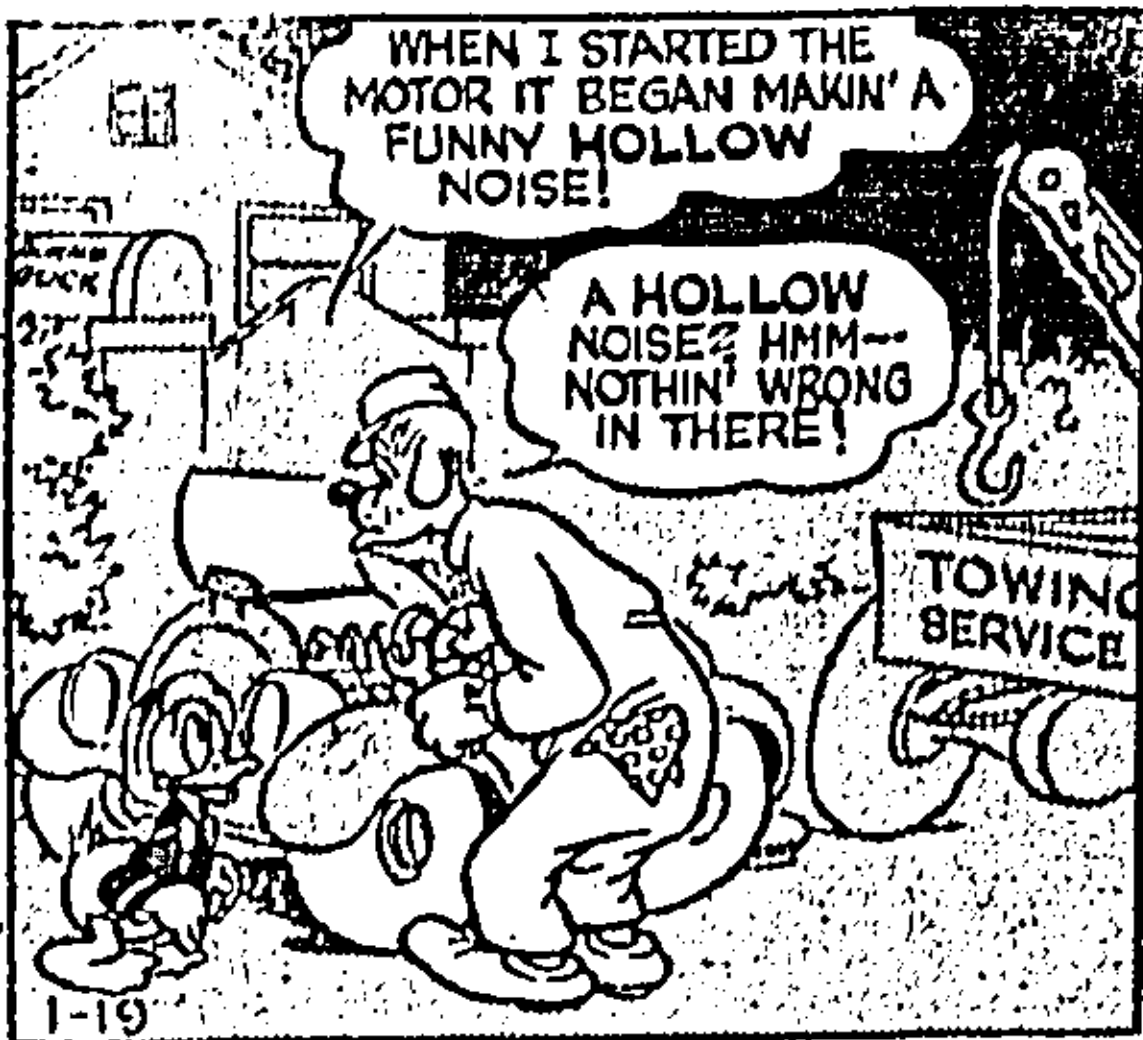
PARIS, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Today's communique states that there was some aviation activity on either side.

CHINESE VIOLINIST

Chao Pu-wei's Recital At Hongkong Hotel

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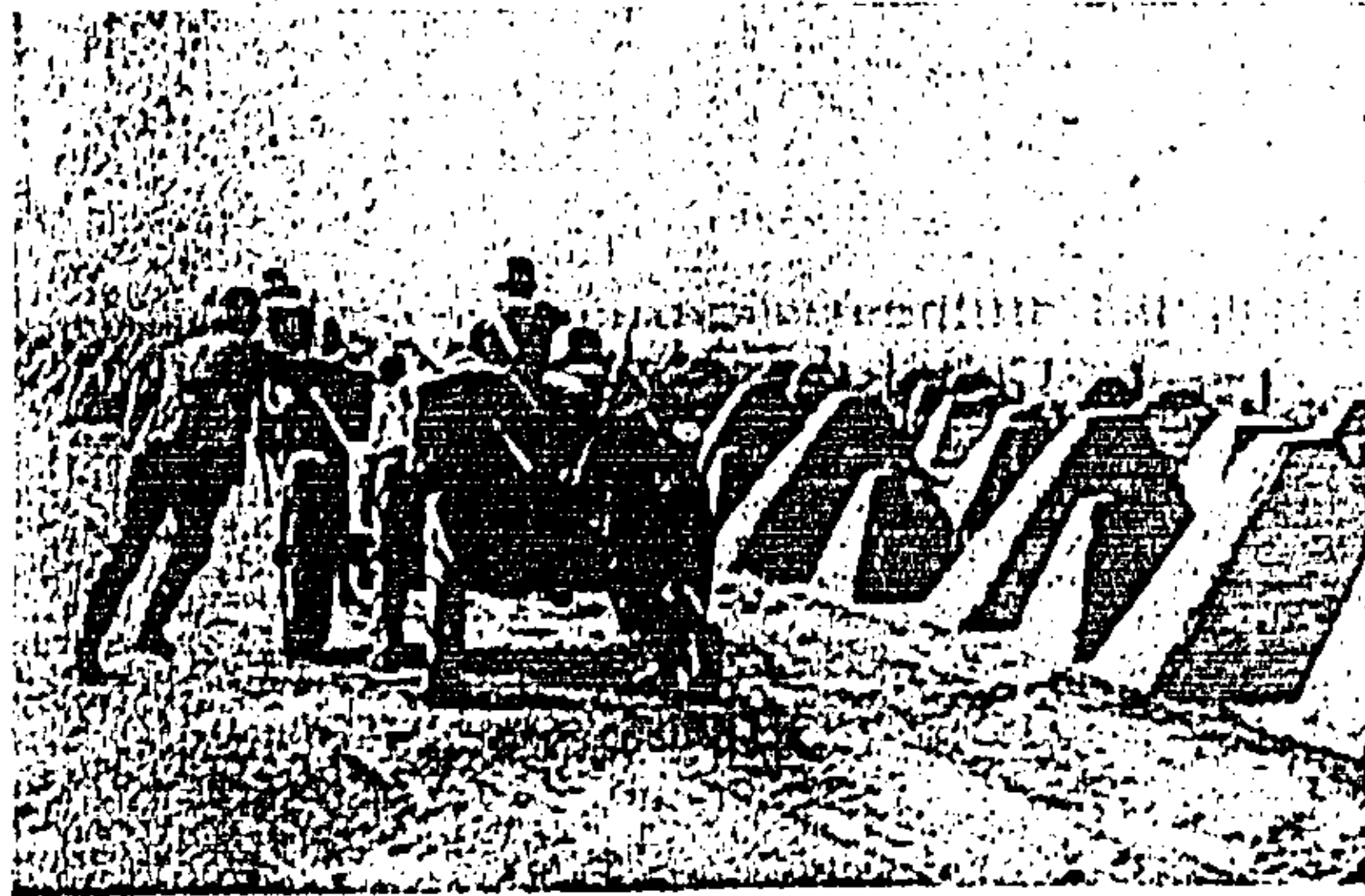
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ALL QUIET ON the Siegfried line as German anti-tank gunners move up one of their weapons. Note tank barrier in background. —Domet.

Captain Duped Enemy, Went Back & Won

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE. BRITISH G.H.Q. announces the "immediate award" of the Military Cross to Captain John Alexander Mackenzie, of the Gloucestershire Regiment, for "conspicuous daring and resource."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Weekly Report issued yesterday says: This week's racing has interfered with the even tenor of the market, but a glance over the recorded trading reveals racing did not have such a quietening effect as usual. The result being the volume of business up to and including Wednesday was good. Surprises have not been confined to the race course. As mentioned yesterday the Electric announcement came as a surprise—a pleasant one—and shares were traded up to \$70. They have now fallen due to some profit taking and are easier round 65. Good business has been done during the week, especially for the following: Cement, Hotels and Telephones both Old and New. These latter have registered a sharp rise, the Old from \$27 to 30½ and the New from \$9½ to \$10½. Closing tone steady, with appearances of possibly more interest being taken in the market generally.

Business Done During the Week
H.K. Bank \$1,425, \$1,430, \$1,450
Union Insurance \$220
Canton Insurance \$470, \$480
Hongkong Fire \$105
Docks \$22.10, \$22.15, \$22.30, \$22½
Providents \$4.65
Lands \$37¼, \$37½, \$37¾, \$38, \$38¼
Tramways ex. div. \$17.45, \$17½, \$17.55, \$17.60, \$17.65
China Lights (Old) \$8, \$8.10
China Lights (New) \$4.05, \$5.05
Electric \$37¼, \$38, \$38½, \$39
Telephones (Old) \$20¾, \$21
Telephones (New) \$9.70
Cements \$19.10, \$19.25, \$19¼, \$19.20
Roses \$0, \$0.10
Dairy Farms (Old) \$22.15, \$22.40, \$22½
Dairy Farms (New) \$21, \$21¼
Watsons \$9.40, \$9.00, \$9.45, \$9.40, \$9.45
Govt. 4% Loan 100½

Buyers

H.K. Bank \$1,440
Union Insurance \$475
Fires Insurance \$185
Wharves \$101
Docks \$22½
Providents \$4.70
Realities \$4¼
Tramways \$17.60
Star Ferries \$34¼
Yaumati Ferries \$20
China Lights (Old) 58¼
China Lights (New) \$5.05
Telephones (Old) \$30¼
Telephones (New) \$10¼
Cements \$19¼
Dairy Farms (Old) \$22¼
Dairy Farms (New) \$21¼
Watsons \$9.40
Entertainments \$7¼

Sellers

Hotels \$59
Lands \$39
Electric \$69¼
Watsons \$9.00

Sales
H.K. Banks \$1,452¼
Union Insurance \$480
Fires Insurance \$185
Docks \$22¼/23¼
Providents \$4¼/4.80
Hotels \$5.70

INCOME IN AMERICA
Secretary of Commerce Gives Estimate

Washington, Feb. 23. The Secretary of Commerce estimates the nation's 1939 income at \$86,500,000,000, a gain of \$4,500,000,000 or seven per cent over 1938. However, the figure is \$14,000,000,000 under the 1939 total and \$3,000,000,000 under that of 1937. The latter was the New Deal's peak recovery year.

It is pointed out that the \$14,000,000,000 difference between 1929 and 1939 was accompanied by differences of 10 per cent in wholesale prices and 15 per cent in cost of living.

A caution is issued that the high rate of industrial activity in December 1939 will cause a decline in the early portions of this year as the rate of inventory accumulation falls off.—United Press.

Lands \$38¼/39
Humphreys \$7.70
Tramways \$17.70
Yaumati Ferries \$20¼
Electric \$37.70/38/38½
Telephones (Old) \$20.30/20.30
Telephones (New) \$9.70/10.30
Cements \$19.30/19¼
Govt. 3¼% Loan 105¼

MODERN PIMPERNELS
AWAIT ADVENTURES

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

SMOKING a pipe in his flat in Eccleston-square, S.W., sits a little bald-headed architect.

As he smokes, he is planning a war-time courier service. He ran one during the last war.

Just as they did last time, his men and women will journey from capital to capital.

Sometimes they will carry samples of silk to be matched in Paris, sometimes they will take schoolgirls to Switzerland, sometimes they will deliver limousines, shoes and perfume for a Bond-street shop, or even, occasionally, a note from a French politician to a British Cabinet Minister.

Doubtless, too, the couriers will be assailed by as many spies as they were in the last war, and may succeed in landing over a few more to the authorities.

The architect, Mr. A. B. Houchin, started his Franco-British courier service because he happened to have an office in Paris in 1914, and architecture did not seem to have much of an immediate future.

He found dozens of old men and women, girls and children stranded in Paris, too frightened to travel home alone.

So he grouped them into parties, and brought them back to London himself.

Beset By Spies

Then he engaged several professional men and women—lawyers, ex-soldiers, journalists, painters—and sent them off on a regular courier service across Europe.

By the end of the war there were 19 of them.

"We did every sort of job," he told me, "from bringing over a few luxury articles for big firms to carrying letters for Cabinet Ministers, and duplicating of Government dispatches."

"The spies were on to us when we started to carry official documents. Men and women would try to get into conversation with the couriers on trains and boats."

"The couriers always reported to me, and I went straight round to Basil Thomson, head of the British Intelligence."

Disguised

"Very rarely could I tell him anything he did not already know."

"Our most sensational spy was a woman, whom one of our couriers, an ex-Guardsman, noticed frequently on the cross-Channel boats."

"He was puzzled because she came aboard in heavy boots, and immediately changed into light shoes. We told Basil Thomson about her. He made curiously little comment."

"Some time later he said to me, one day: 'You remember that woman in the boots on the cross-Channel boat? He's dead.'"

"The woman was a man in disguise."

Rescue Job

The most romantic job on which Mr. Houchin's organisation ever embarked was that of trying to rescue an Englishman from the infirmary in German-occupied Cambrai, where he had lain sick at the outbreak of war.

"It was to have been a regular Scarlet Pimpernel affair," Mr. Houchin said.

"Some of our men were going to cross the front lines at night. But the sick man died before we could start."

"Through the agency of a Dutch business man, however, I did get back to this country the abandoned baggage of English and American tourists, which the Germans had stored high in Cologne Cathedral."

Already Mr. Houchin has seven men, mostly ex-sailors, and a few women for his new courier service. Their journeys are being mapped out through Europe. This time many of the journeys will be by air.

Swiss Army's
Sheep Buying
Helps Peasants

SCHWYZ, Switzerland.—Swiss mobilization brought prosperity to the peasants of Schwyz, one of the forest cantons which formed the original "Oath of the Confederates" to which Switzerland's Government owes its origin.

A scarcity of mutton on the main City markets sent Swiss Army buyers into the Schwyz hills where they purchased 3,000 of 6,000 sheep belonging to peasants on the cantonal poor lists.

Army buying in the country direct from needy peasants is to continue as long as the Army is kept above normal strength—probably for the duration of the war in western Europe.

IT'S WINTER ON
WESTERN FRONT

WARMLY CLAD for wintry weather in France, these two R.A.F. men are standing guard at a British air base.

Arthur Pratt's Dinner
May Cost His Boss
(and others) A Fortune

ARTHUR PRATT is a shy little man, a packer by trade. Lives in Manor-road, East Ham, does Arthur. But his dinner and tea are going to cost his former employers £397 10s. now, and may soon cost other people £500,000. Half a million pounds for Arthur's dinner and tea.

For fifteen and a half years Arthur "packed" for Cook, Son and Co. (St. Paul's) Ltd., of St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C.

They paid him his wages and gave him dinner and tea. Arthur said the dinner and tea were worth 10s. a week.

In 1931, when William the Fourth was King and opened the new London Bridge, the Truck Act was passed.

And the Truck Act said employers must pay the wages of their clerks in current coin of the realm.

In 1935 Arthur decided that dinner and tea were not current coin of the realm. And he sued Cook, Son and Co. for the value of all his dinners and all his teas between March 1920 and December 1935. He said they were worth £397 10s.

The National Amalgamated Union of Shop Assistants, Warehousemen and Clerks made a High Court test case of Arthur and his dinner and tea.

Cash, Not Tea

Mr. Justice Wrottesley was the judge. He agreed that Arthur's wages must be cash and not dinners and teas. He awarded the £397 10s. claimed.

But an Appeal Court decided the judge had been wrong. They reversed Mr. Justice Wrottesley's decision and gave judgment for Cook, Son and Co. with costs.

But Arthur and his union were not giving up. They took the case to the House of Lords.

And now Lord Atkin, Lord Thorneycroft, Lord Russell of Killowen, Lord Wright, and Lord Romer heard all his dinners and his teas.

By four to one the Lords decided that Arthur was entitled to his £397 10s. —

Lord Romer was the one who decided against Arthur, because, he said, there was nothing in the Act prohibiting an employer from supplying or contracting to supply his workmen with food "wherever dressed or eaten."

What the Act did prevent, he said, was the employer attaching certain conditions to any such supply of food. He might not stipulate that the workman should "lay out" his wages in buying the food from him, whether on or off the employer's premises.

Arthur, standing behind his counsel in the House of Lords recently, listened to final stages of his four-year fight, which has cost between £3,000 and £4,000.

He smiled when he heard the decision. He took the many congratulations modestly.

He was told this case might make the name of Arthur Pratt (and his dinners and teas) famous in legal history. But that did not impress him.

It was dinner time when the case ended. And Arthur caught the first bus back to East Ham—and the steak and potatoes Mrs. Arthur had waiting.

BEHIND THE NEWS

Hitler Protests Against
Use Of Daventry News

The B.B.C. is successfully fighting a strong Nazi attack on British news broadcasts now being waged all over the world.

Hitler's Government recently sent through its diplomatic representatives a protest to all neutral Governments against the use by their newspapers of news picked up from British broadcasts.

This news has lately been used more extensively than German news, because its accuracy was becoming appreciated in comparison with lying Nazi propaganda.

A number of neutral Governments, therefore, banned publication of all news from foreign radios. Among them were Spain and Bulgaria. Within a fortnight, public opinion forced both Governments to raise the ban. British news now has equal chance with German.

The B.B.C., while aware of the ban, took no action about it, preferring that its news should win.

Germany is finding a good many other things to protest against. Latest is Italy's War Office magazine, "Forza Armata."

It raised the question why Germany, with her powerful army, dared not attack, but preferred to rely on her "weak sea power." It suggested that Hitler regretted the neglect of his navy. An apology has now been sent to Berlin, and an Italian officer reprimanded.

Goering has just learned the latest bad news about Germany's railway transport from Dr. Dornmüller, rail chief.

Germany has now only 600,000 goods wagons, but needs 750,000 for war purposes. Russia, with her far vaster territory, has 550,000, and few to spare. It will take nine months to adapt to the Russian gauge enough wagons to deal with the Soviet trade when it matures.

Gestapo is trying to trace the origin of a circular letter sent to thousands of service men calling for protest against Langsdorf being forced to scuttle the Graf Spee. They attribute it to British propaganda. But the letters were posted in Berlin.

ITALIAN
AIRLINE
Rome-Bangkok Service
Contemplated

Tokyo, Feb. 22. It has been disclosed that following the opening of the Japan-Thailand air service in April, Italy is planning to start a new air line between Rome and Bangkok.

Negotiations between the Italian and Italian Governments have been making smooth progress, according to reports which state that Italy will open a regular service between Rome and Bangkok next month on a bi-weekly schedule.

The Italian authorities have already notified Japan Airways informally of their desire to extend the air line between Rome and Bangkok to Japan.

Italy's present Far Eastern air route runs from Rome to Basrah (Iraq), on a weekly schedule.

It is believed that upon realisation of the Italian plan, keen competition will be witnessed in the Far Eastern air service between Holland, England, France and Italy.

The new Italian line will have the additional advantage of being serviced by Savoia-Marchetti S 78 planes, equipped with three Alfa Romeo engines, which are claimed to be amongst the best commercial planes in the world.—Domet.

Japan—Thailand Run

Chungking, Feb. 23. The Ta Kung Pao says the chief director of the French Haiphong-Kunming Railway has arrived in Kunming. He told the Press that the French Government strongly rejected the Japanese request for permission to land Japanese planes in French Indo-China for the passenger and mail service between Japan and Thailand.

The reason for the rejection is the Japanese bombing of the French railway and the complete ignoring of the French protests, he said. If the Japanese bomb the railway again, the French director warned, the renewal of the French-Japanese trade treaty would be impossible after its expiration.—United Press.

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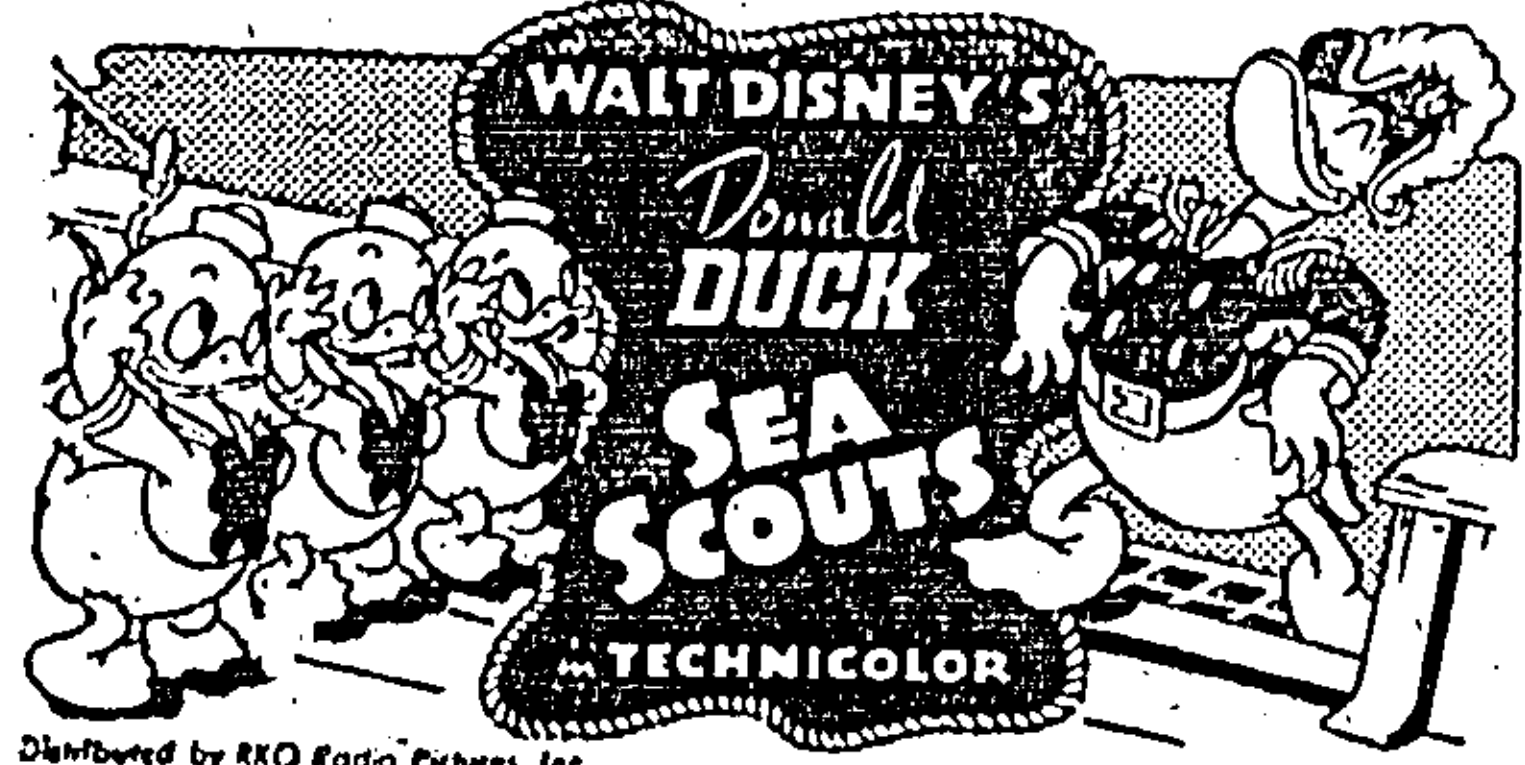
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By WINSTON CHURCHILL

AT WAR WITH THE PIRATES



The Destroyer Wessex lets off a depth charge.

THE main attack of the enemy has been concentrated upon the Royal Navy and the seaborne commerce upon which the British Islands and the British Empire depend.

We have always over 2,000 ships at sea, and between 100 and 150 ships move every day in and out of our harbours in the United Kingdom alone.

This immense traffic has to be maintained in the teeth of a constant U-boat attack which never hesitates to break the conventions of civilised warfare to which Germany so recently subscribed.

We have been frequently attacked from the air. Mining on a large scale has been practised against us, and lately magnetic mines have been dropped from aeroplanes or laid by submarines on the approaches to our harbours with the intention of destroying British and, still more, neutral commerce under conditions contrary to the accepted rules of sea warfare and of specific German engagements in regard to them.

Besides this, the so-called "pocket battleships," certainly one other cruiser, were let loose in the North and South Atlantic or near Madagascar, in the Indian Ocean.

The Admiralty's task has been to bring in our immense world-

wide traffic in spite of this opposition. Besides this, we have to cleanse the seas of all German commerce and to arrest every German vessel and every scrap of cargo in which Germany is interested.

BROADLY speaking, these considerable duties have, up to the present, been successfully discharged. The destruction of the U-boats is proceeding normally and in accordance with the estimate I gave earlier of between two and four a week—that is to say, at a rate superior to what we believe to be the German power of replacement.

Cost of Government

THE WAR TAX CONTROVERSY in Hongkong has already given the Nazi Propaganda Ministry one opportunity to broadcast a distorted account of the Colony's war effort and knowledge that there are evilly-disposed persons—some, it is suspected, even enjoying our hospitality—who are ready to distort and magnify the situation still further renders comment somewhat difficult.

Nevertheless, it cannot be said that the proposals of the War Revenue Committee have been greeted with the unanimity that should greet any scheme of voluntary assistance which this Colony desires to render to the Motherland; even the Report itself is not unanimous, as indicated by reservations made by three members of the Committee.

We do not propose at this juncture to analyse the proposed methods of taxation other than to remark that few people will not grant that Hongkong should make a substantial monetary contribution to Britain. Rather, we would turn our attention to the question of the cost of Administration in this Colony, a question we believe to be the root of the evil that now threatens to overtake us—the evil of taxation which may prove out of all proportion to the Colony's capacity to pay.

ALTHOUGH its terms of reference did not cover the ordinary methods of financing the cost of Administration of the Colony, the War Revenue Committee rightly draw attention to the suspicion that the Government might not be functioning on the most economical basis commensurate with efficiency. The Committee "views with much concern the continuous rise in the cost of Government, a rise which the Colony's pensions commitment is likely to accelerate more rapidly in the future than in the past."

Without taking into consideration any extraordinary taxation in connection with the proposed War Levy, the people of Hongkong are to-day pouring into the public coffers of this Colony more than twice the amount they were taxed in any year during the Great War. Revenue in 1939 was over three times the revenue of the war years of 1914, 1915 or 1916, more than 2½ times the revenue of 1917 and over twice the revenue of 1918—this despite the fact that we played our part magnificently in the last war.

The Colony was not allowed to recuperate after the taxation of 1914-18, but was loaded with more and more governmental demands for revenue as the cost of administration continued to soar.

In 1919, Government expenditure was \$17,015,925—higher than all but one of the war years. By 1922 it had risen to \$18,022,002, in 1925 it was \$28,119,046, in 1937 it was \$32,111,222 and in 1938 that total was \$37,175,397. The figures for 1939 are not yet available, but they will certainly exceed those of 1938, while the Budget for the current

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those of 1938, while the Budget for the current year envisages an expenditure that will exceed \$40,000,000—not one penny of which will be available for War Levy.

WE repeat the innuendo suggested in the War Revenue Committee's Report—where is Government expenditure going to end? The present heavy expenditure, as the Committee points out, is insufficient to enable Government to meet its full responsibilities in the matter of public health, education and social services generally—let alone the rising costs of Pensions which includes, at some future date, the creation of a new Fund in conformity with Imperial recommendations which will require millions of dollars to finance.

Had not the Colony's budgets in the past few years grown out of all proportion to the people's ability to meet the costs of Administration, the extra taxation now sought for our contribution to the Empire's war effort may well have been met through ordinary channels of taxation.

But, as revenue has grown through these channels, it has been outstripped or closely followed by expenditure. No effort has been made to preserve for the people of this Colony security against the rainy day by conserving our monetary assets, so that now we face, in addition to the imminent possibility of a staggering burden of additional taxes required to finance the War Levy, not-to-distant impositions of a like nature to finance ordinary commitments.

Even the Treasury's balance, which on December 1 stood at the record sum of \$17,945,275, is fictitious, depending as it does upon the issuance of Loans at some future date. Over \$13,000,000 of the \$17,945,275—excess the Colony is supposed to have in its coffers has already been expended on Loan works such as the Jubilee Reservoir and the Central Market, leaving the actual balance at less than \$4,000,000.

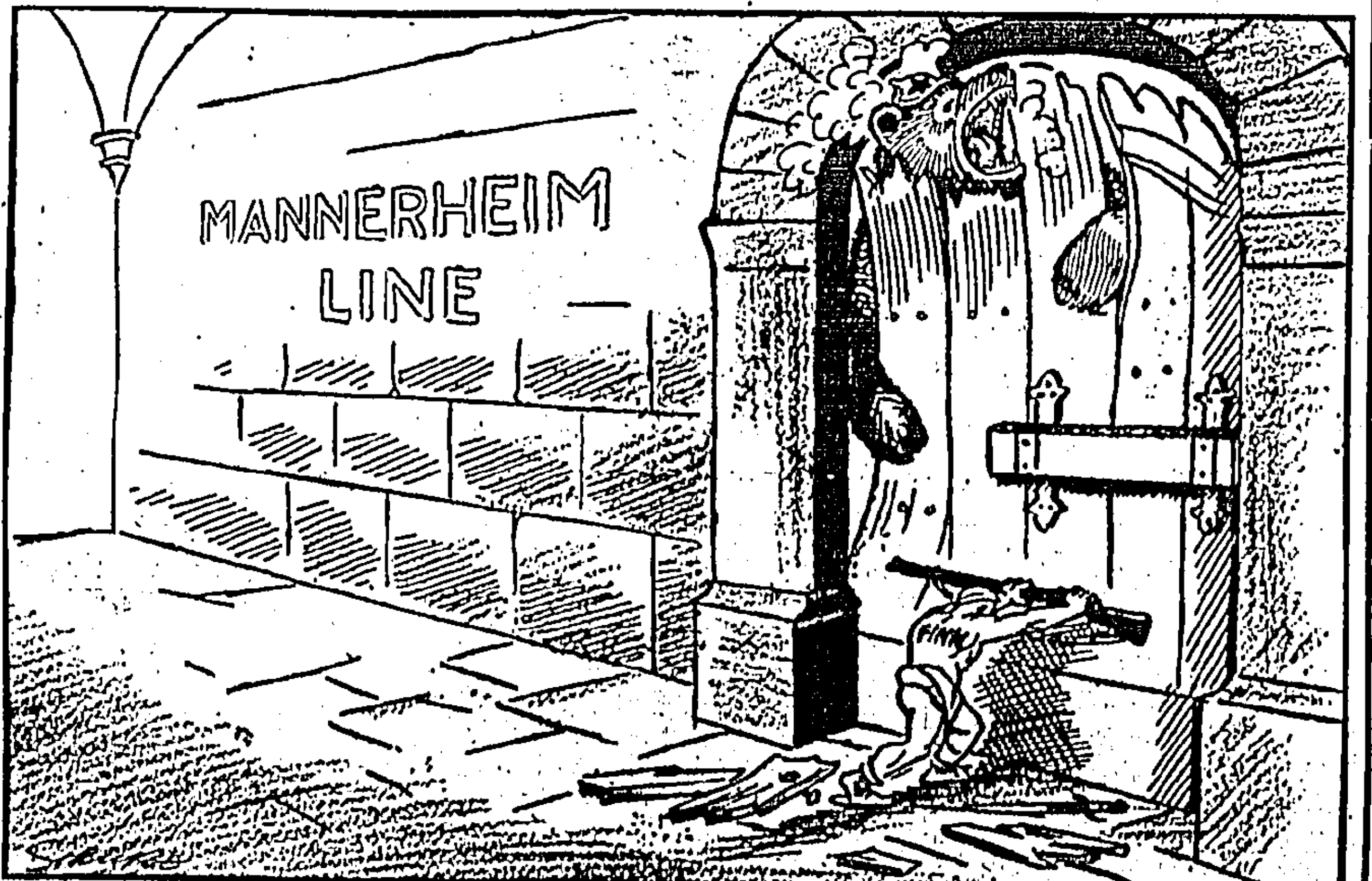
The Hongkong Government, fortuitously, is enjoying an unprecedented wave of prosperity as a result of 2½ years of war in China. But can it be said that the Hongkong people are enjoying the same prosperity? Have the people of this Colony the ability to meet the extra taxation that will be imposed if the recommendations of the War Revenue Committee are carried out?

The people of this Colony are facing mounting costs of Administration—costs which will not decrease with the end of Sino-Japanese hostilities. At the same time, the Government is facing a slump in ordinary revenue the moment those hostilities cease.

The sacrifices the people are being called upon to make to-day will not end with peace in Europe or peace in Asia.

They will not end until the Administration itself is prepared to make equal sacrifices.

CARTOON OF THE WEEK—BY STRUBE



—Strube in the "Daily Express"

THE rate of destruction varies, of course, with the numbers of U-boats which are actively hunting. This fluctuates from time to time, and we have noticed three periods of maximum activity interspersed with periods of minimum activity, when, presumably, the bulk of the raiders return home for rest and refreshment.

Nevertheless this struggle proceeds upon a margin which, though adequate, is not extravagant, and when we consider the necessity, as we always must, of some unexpected development of numbers by the enemy, it is a comfort to feel that very great reinforcements of our hunting craft in home waters, already tripled since the beginning of the war, will come into service during 1940.

I must again repeat the warning which I gave in September—that a steady flow of losses must be expected, that occasional disasters will occur, and that failure on our part to get up to the level of circumstances would be attended by grave danger. It is, however, my sure belief that we are getting the better of this menace to our life.

We are buffeted by the waves, but the ocean tides flow steady and strong in our favour.

In the course of the war the U-boats have passed from using the gun to using the torpedo, and from summoning ships on the surface to sinking them at sight without warning or provision for the crews.

This carries them into a form of warfare at once more ruthless and at the same time far less effective. The underwater attack by torpedo can only be delivered at a quarter of the speed that is possible to a U-boat on the surface, and the chances of their intercepting ships or convoys are greatly reduced.

In addition to our armed merchant cruisers, we have armed already more than 1,000 merchant ships for self-defensive purposes, and the process is continuing with all possible speed.

BEFORE long we shall have 2,000 armed merchant ships, in accordance with the rights of the sea, fire back when they are attacked.

The merchant captains and seamen show a resolute disposition to defend themselves, and many duels are fought in which the U-boat, fearing to be damaged, and thus unable to dive, gives up the attack and is beaten off.

The efficiency of the "asdic" (anti-submarine detection indicator gear) method of detection is increasingly proved and as our margin in hunting craft increases, as it has done and will do rapidly, the ordeal to which the U-boat is subjected will become ever more severe.

The convoy system is now in full operation. Very few ships have been attacked in convoys. Less than one in 750 has been sunk. Nevertheless we must remember that convoy involves a certain loss of carrying power, since the ships must wait during the assembly of the convoy, and the convoy must travel at the speed of the slowest ship.

This loss is being steadily reduced by the institution of slow and fast convoys, and by other appropriate measures. But a certain delay must always remain.

In consequence of our defence, and the defence of these merchant ships, the U-boats have found it easier to attack neutral shipping than the vessels of Britain and France. They prefer increasingly to attack the ships of countries with whom they are at peace, rather than those of the countries with whom they are at war. The figures are remarkable.

THERE has been a strong and steady diminution of loss among all ships obeying Admiralty directions or joining our convoys. On the contrary has been the case with the neutrals. They lost half as much in the third month as they did in the second.

It is indeed a strange kind of warfare for the German Navy to engage in, when, driven off the shipping of their declared enemy, they console themselves by running amok among the shipping of neutral nations.

This fact should encourage the neutrals to charter their ships to Great Britain for the duration of the war, when they can be sure of making larger profits than they have ever made in peace, and have a complete guarantee against loss.

The Ministry of Shipping have already arranged the charter of several millions of tonnage, and it seems probable that this healthy process will continue to mutual and even general advantage.

SO far as the sea war is concerned, German friendship has proved far more poisonous than German enmity.

The magnetic mine is neither new nor mysterious. As the Prime Minister announced in his broadcast, its secrets are known to us. Indeed, the preparation of counter-measures was already far advanced before the first magnetic mine was laid in British waters.

I do not wish, however, in any way to underestimate the magnitude or intensity of the effort which will be required, and is now forthcoming, to cope with this latest manifestation of Nazi culture.

Many bearings are being developed and applied and, as an interim measure, before the full scientific treatment can be given to this problem, we have found it necessary to call upon a large number of trawlers to assist in the dredging of our harbours.

The service of mine-sweeping is one of peculiar danger and tries the strongest nerves, because of the silence and constant uncertainty of destruction in which those engaged in it must dwell.

THE fact of this serious danger was sufficient to bring forward an overwhelming response from the fishermen and trawler crews who were called upon to come to their country's assistance, though I imagine, in this case, only for a comparatively short while.

The recklessness of the attacks upon neutrals and the breach of international agreements which it involves led us to place a retaliatory embargo upon the exports of all goods of German ownership or origin.

No serious inconvenience need be caused to neutrals. They have only to avoid carrying tainted goods in their ships, and can easily obtain a certificate from the British consular officers in neutral countries, which will enable them to proceed upon their outward voyages without interference or delay from us.

It is satisfactory to learn from German sources that goods for export are already piling up on the German quays and in their warehouses to such an extent that, we are told, they hamper the handling of incoming merchandise.

A STRIDENT effort has been made by German propaganda to persuade the world that we have laid these magnetic mines ourselves in the fairways of our own harbours, in order, apparently, to starve ourselves out.

When this inanity expired amid general derision, the alternative claim was made that the sinking of neutrals by mines was another triumph of German science and seamanship which should convince all nations that their mastery of the sea was complete. This claim may be tested by a general survey of the results of the first three months of war.

We began the war with 21,000,000 tons of merchant shipping. Out of this total we lost during the three months, in which we were subject to severe and concentrated attack by all kinds of methods, fair and foul, by U-boats by mine, by surface raider, and by the hazards of the sea, about 340,000 tons.

Against this we gained by transfer from foreign flags, independent of large chartering operations, by prizes taken from the enemy, and by the new vessels we are building on a large scale, about 200,000 tons, leaving a net loss of about 90,000 tons.

WE have the means, and we have the opportunity, of marshalling the whole vast strength of the British Empire and of the Mother Country, and directing them steadfastly and unswervingly to the fulfilment of our purpose, and the vindication of our cause. For each and all, as for the Royal Navy, the watchword should be, "Carry on and dread naught."



Group of competitors and spectators at the tennis tournament staged at the Hongkong Cricket Club last Sunday in aid of British-War Organisation Funds. Top centre shows a group of players taking tea between the matches. The picture above was taken by Ming Yuen, and the smaller group by S. H. Hsia.

Shanghai break away from a scrum in the rugby Interport. The ground was very heavy as the condition of the players indicates. — Mike Menchow.



This cheerful group of Shanghai Interport players includes A. F. Walken, the Hongkong skipper and W. D. Pearson, the Shanghai captain (sitting) and standing above Walken is B. Hynes and G.C. Godfrey, members of the victorious Hongkong team.—Mike Menchow.



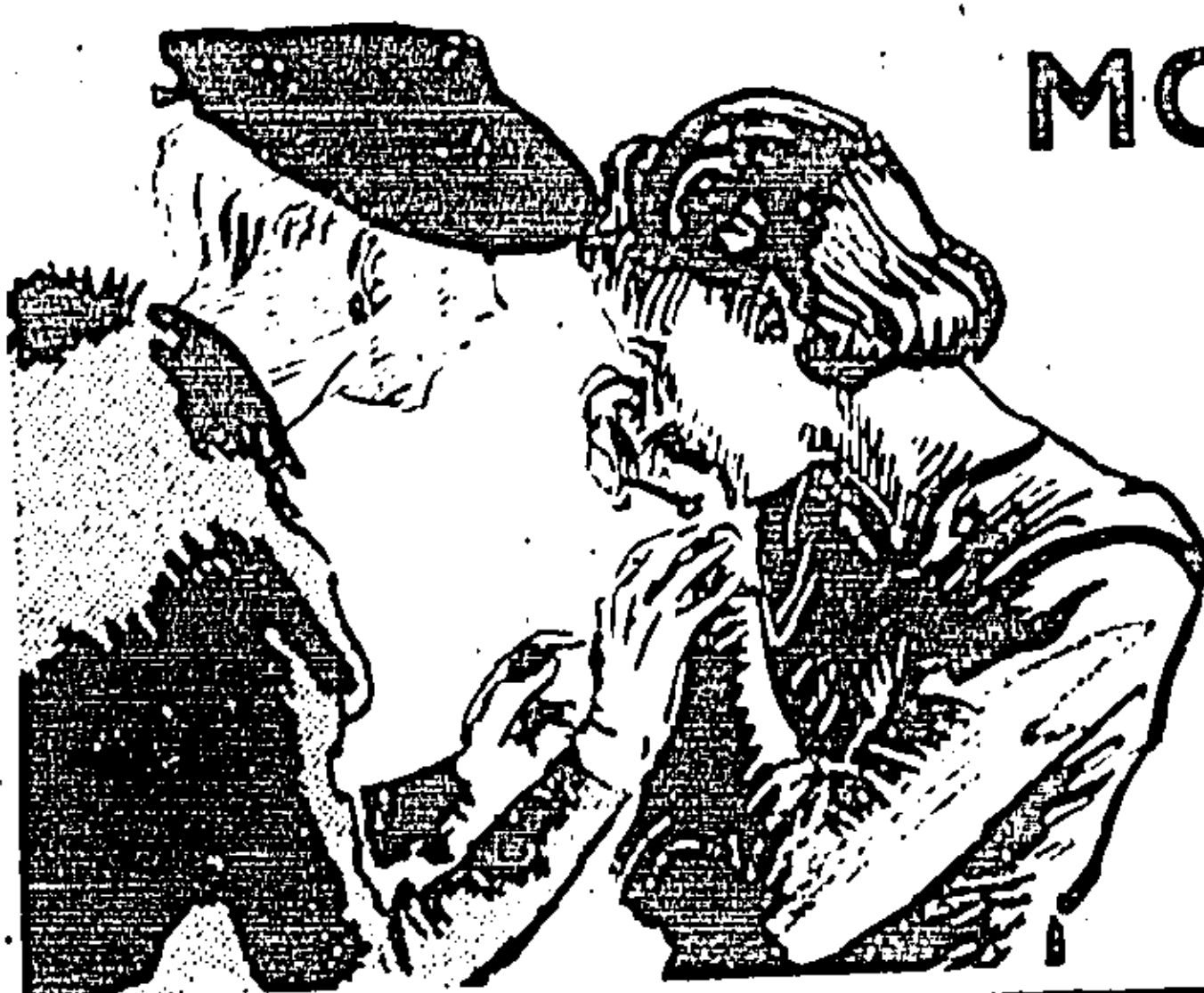
Moxham, brilliant Hongkong soccer Interport goalie, received attention in the goalmouth during the Interport match at the Canidromo after he had been accidentally kicked in the head.—Mike Menchow.



"Mighty Atom" Henderson, whose kicking was a feature of the rugby game against the American Marines in Shanghai, is seen making one of his brilliant clearances during the match. Hongkong also won this game.—Mike Menchow.

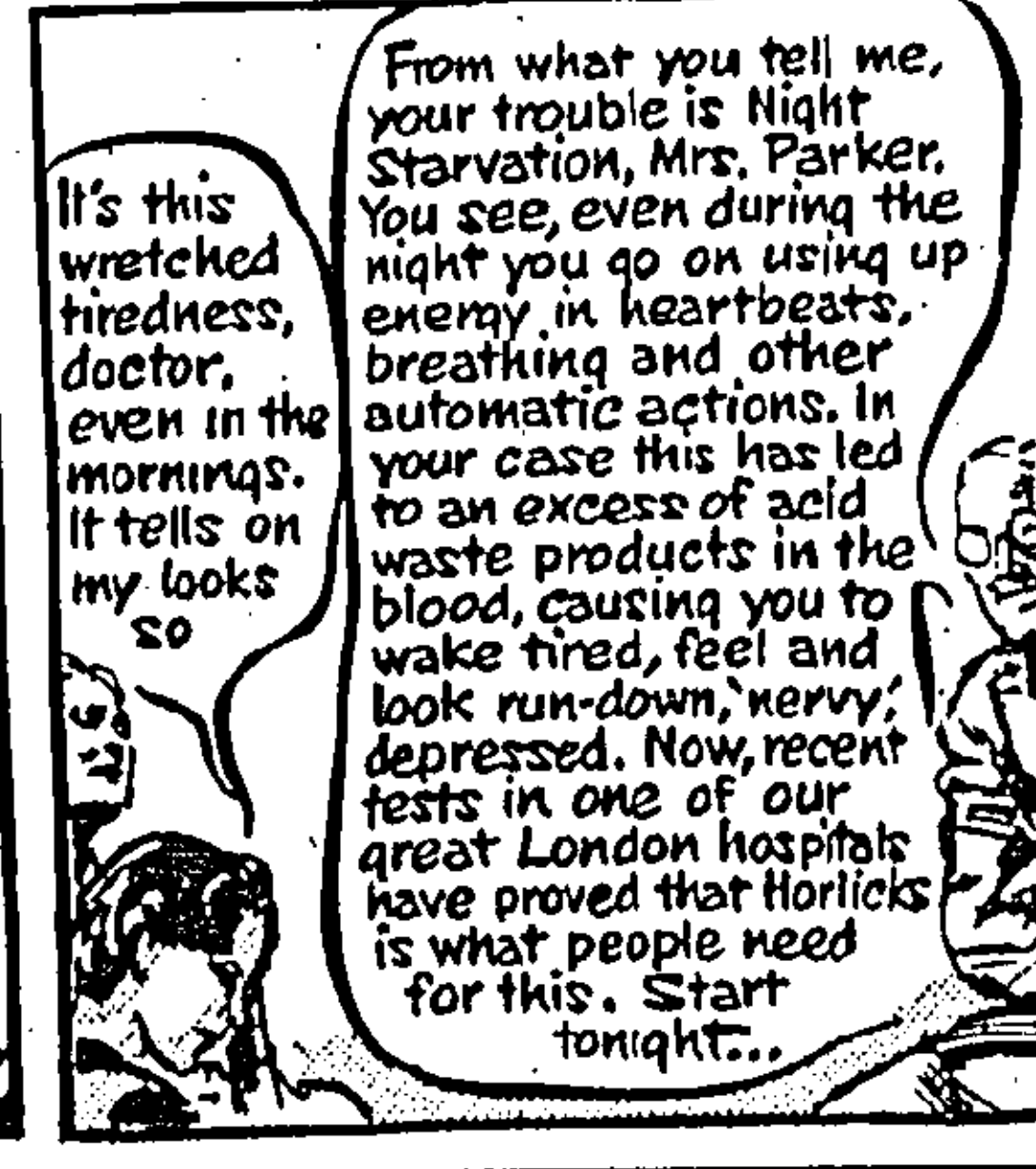
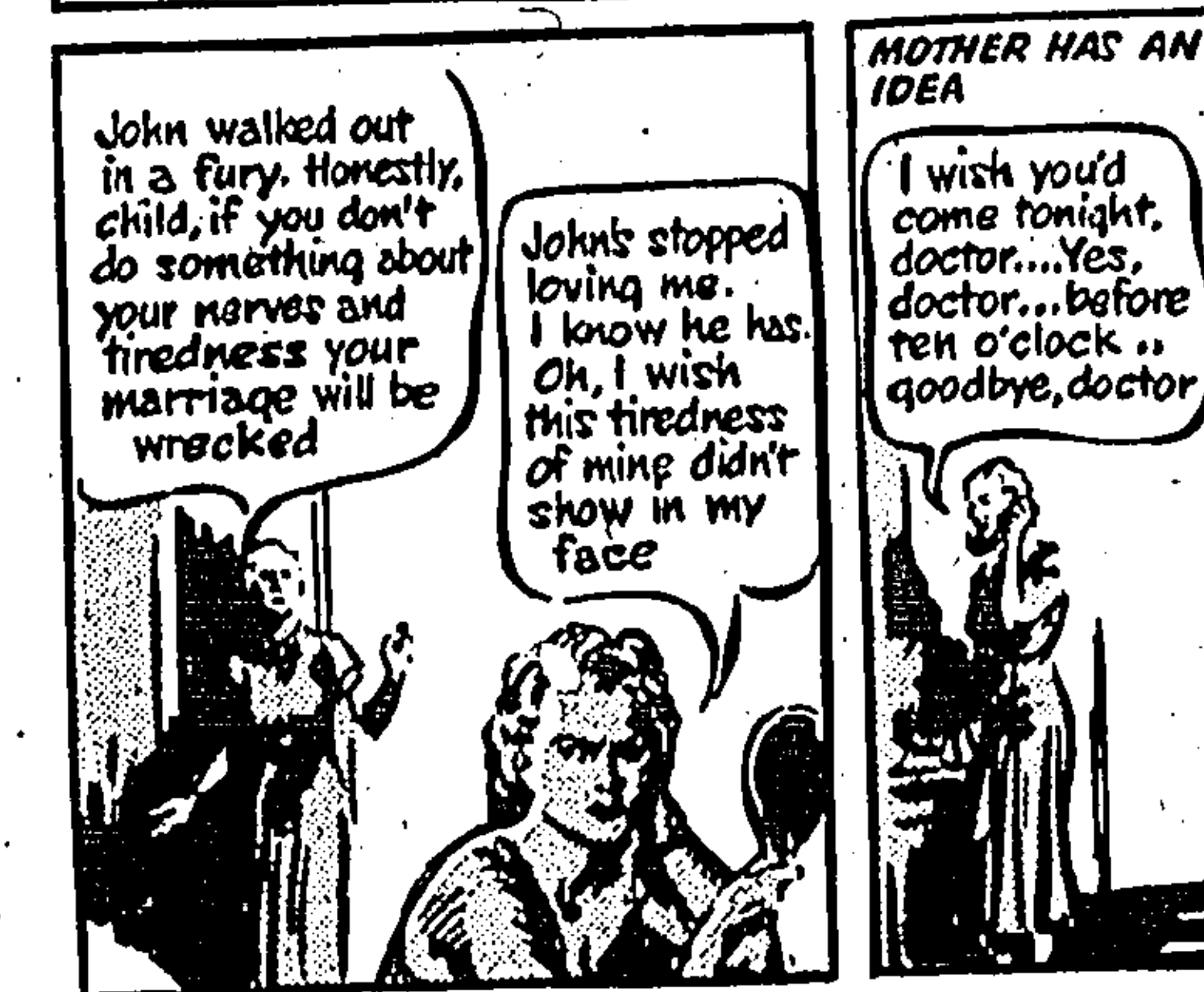


Charming Joan Kanis, 7-year-old daughter of Nura Kanis, prominent Hongkong pianofortist, who celebrates her birthday to-day.



MOTHERS ARE OFTEN PEACEMAKERS

Mother and daughter are lunching together in town, when they see the daughter's husband in the same restaurant, but not alone...



There were heart-breaking scenes when Government officials pulled down illegal squatters huts in Kowloon City this week. Here we see one evicted mother with her child and all their possessions after they had been dispossessed.—Ming Yuen.



Miss Anne J. Johnson, formerly of Duluth, Minn., last Saturday became the bride of Mr. James Braga of Gilman Motors, Hongkong, the ceremony taking place at Emmanuel Church, Kowloon. This photograph of the happy couple was taken after wedding.—Tiffany Studio.

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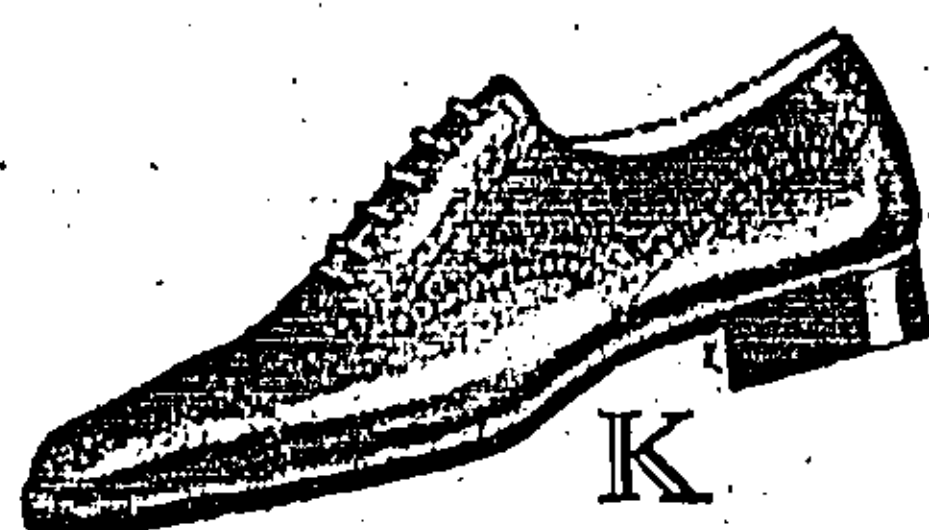
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EXCLUSIVE RACE MEETING PICTURES

THIS PAGE of pictures was taken by Ming Yuen at Happy Valley this week. Top left is the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce in the finishing box. Second left shows Mrs. A. L. Shields chatting with Major-General A. E. Grasett. Above His Excellency the Governor studying the ponies in the paddling ring. Top right a fine study of Sathlight, the Derby winner. Opposite is Baffin Bay, one of the Derby Day winners being led in after its race. Below (right) a section of the vast crowd which thronged the stands and enclosure on Monday, and bottom, Mrs. M. G. O'Conner (Right) with a friend in the enclosure.



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BEAUTY PARLOR
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Written by a Man who was Stalin's Cell-mate in a Russian Prison.

JOSEPH DJOUHASHVILY, alias Stalin, was known to me under the nickname of Koba.

Ever since he was a young lad of seventeen, Koba lived an underground life and often used to compare himself with the hunted wolf.

Charged with being a "professional revolutionary," he was arrested for the first time in 1902, and after having been in prison for a year he was deported to Siberia at the end of 1903. After only four weeks of exile, he made a daring escape.

Between 1904 and 1913 he was imprisoned five times and made five desperate escapes.

I lived with him for many prolonged periods and under conditions which enabled me to understand the extraordinary personality of the man.

It was only a lad when, in 1903, I was arrested in Baku and confined in the Baku prison where I remained three-and-a-half years before being deported to Naryn.

The political prisoners were kept separate from the criminals and had formed a community with well-defined rules and regulations.

One day, at dawn, a man, who most of us had never seen before, came into the big room where the Bolsheviks met.

When I asked our chief who this intruder was, he whispered to me: "It is Koba. Don't be too severe where he is concerned."

Only a few days passed before Koba had made a reputation for himself among all the prisoners. His appearance was also unique. His blue tunic, without buttons or belt, and his main for constantly reading some book or other, at once distinguished him from the other prisoners.

Tall, broad and sinewy, he moved slowly, like a bear of prey. His face was thin and pock-marked and he rarely opened his small eyes widely.

He seldom spoke, so that many believed him to be an eccentric and uninteresting fellow. But very soon we discovered that this estimate was utterly wrong.

FROM the very first appearance of Koba in our prison we were puzzled by an attitude which differed from that of every other political prisoner.

While the latter never mixed with the "criminals," Koba immediately made a point of becoming intimate with the worst murderers, burglars, forgers and swindlers.

When reproached he said he liked people who did things, adding that in politics such people were most useful. "It is the only means of success," he concluded.

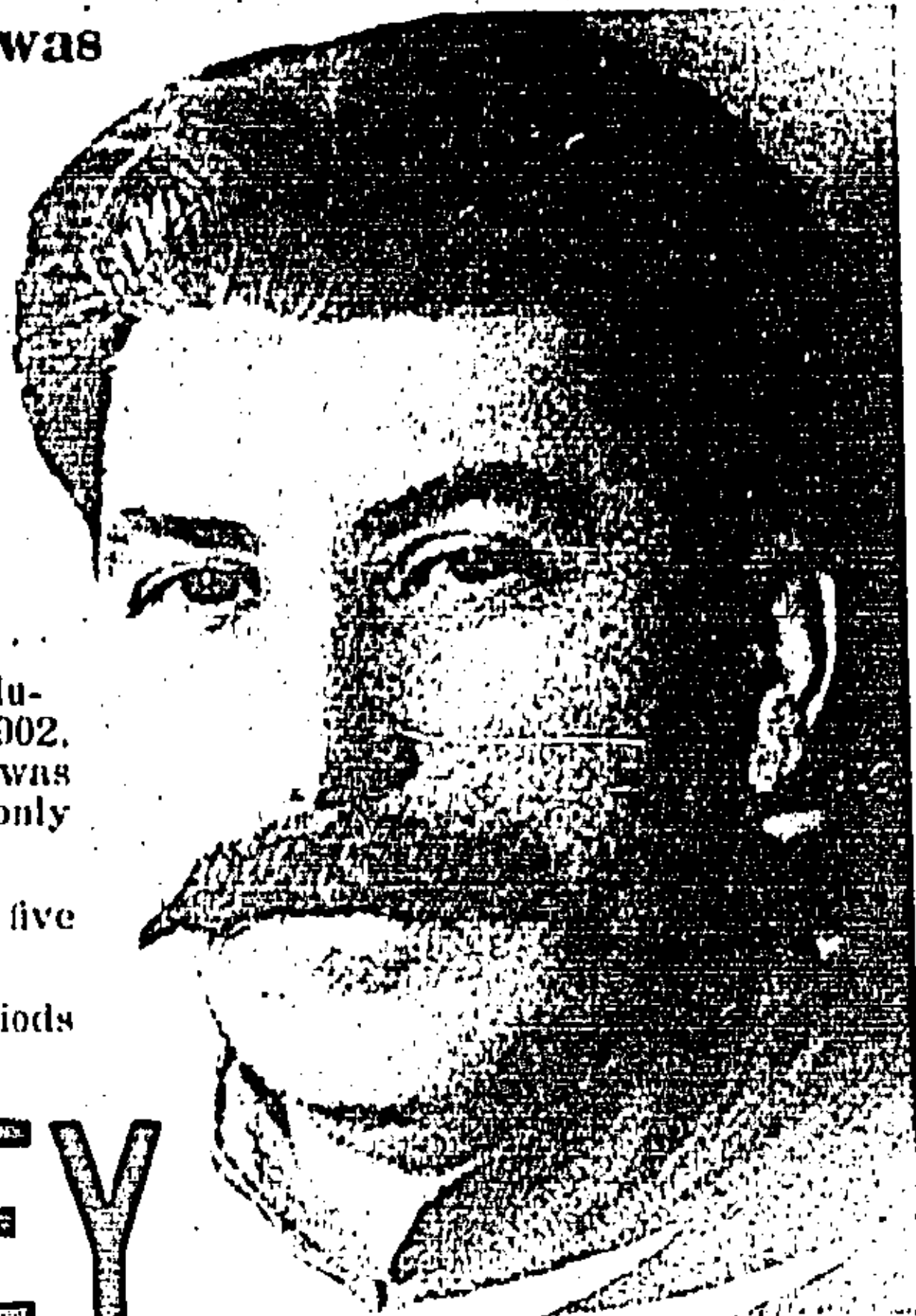
Very soon, however, we discovered that Koba had also other reasons for keeping in touch with the criminal section. It became known that amongst them he had found several old acquaintances with whom he had been associated in big enterprises.

The story was told how one day Koba was informed that the financial resources of the committee were in such a bad way that its activity was greatly handicapped.

"Don't worry about that," Koba had immediately replied. "I'll find money by to-morrow."

A few hours later his gang attacked a van of the State Bank and got away with 500,000 roubles.

IT was typical of Koba that his daring was particularly great



THEY FLOGGED STALIN

when some escape, of a fellow-prisoner was to be effected and particularly if it concerned one sentenced to death.

I shall never forget the Easter of 1909 when Koba nearly lost his life to save a fellow-prisoner. A theft of some importance had been committed within the prison, undoubtedly by one of the burglars whom Koba knew well.

As the prison authorities felt sure that Koba knew who the culprit was they interrogated him. When he refused to answer, the prison commandant decided to make him run the gauntlet of the whole Sallinsky regiment.

As soon as the command was given the soldiers began to flog Koba, and in order to prolong the torture they hit his arms and shoulders rather than the head.

Few were those who survived this punishment. Some before dying went mad.

Koba, however, had made up his mind to survive. In order to do that he took with him a book which he read while he walked along slowly between the soldiers who were flogging him.

With the blood streaming from his back, stumbling rather than walking, he was reading aloud and concentrating on the book rather than on his pain.

He walked to the end of the fatal corridor and fainted only when the last soldier had struck him.

CUNNING was another of his characteristics, and I remember one instance which illustrates this very well.

It was the first monster demonstration against the Government in which all the hidden revolutionary forces took part.

When the demonstrators were called by the committee for the purpose of being instructed in the part they had to play, they asked Lenin whether they were to demonstrate with or without rifles. Lenin turned to Stalin and asked him to reply.

I looked at Stalin. His eyes half closed, with wrinkled brow and a smile on his lips, he replied:

"With or without rifles, Comrades? Well, well, that is a question! You see, my little brothers, journalists, for example, never go out without a pencil or a fountain pen. These are their arms. As far as you are concerned you are much better qualified to decide what to do

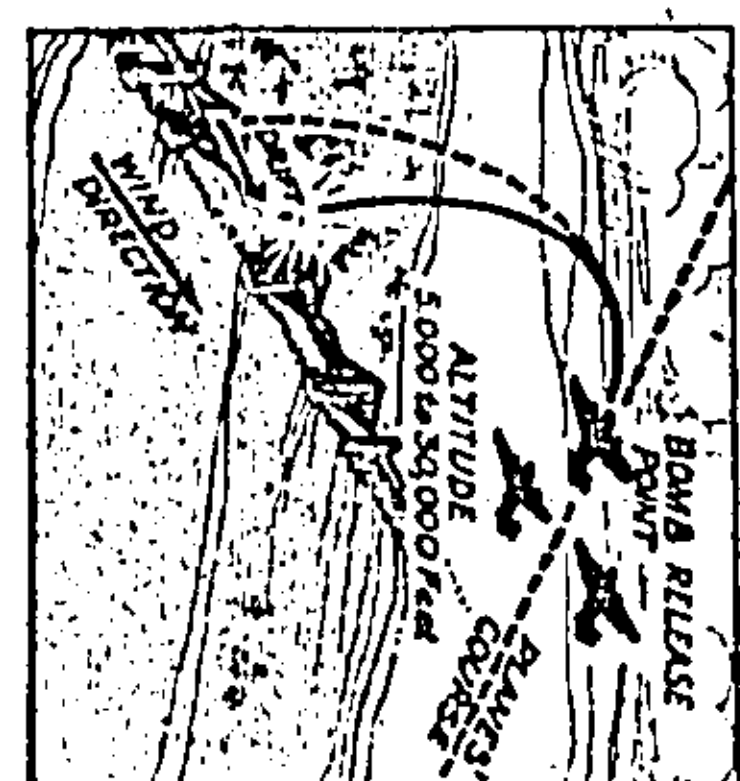
One day Stalin may share the fate of most dictators, no matter to what epoch in history they belong. He may be killed in some counter-revolution or assassinated.

But nobody will bend him, nobody will force him to resign, to change his opinion or his policy. He is like a statue hewn out of the granite rock of his native Caucasus.

By S. Weretshak

The bomber pilot can do his job 3 ways . . .

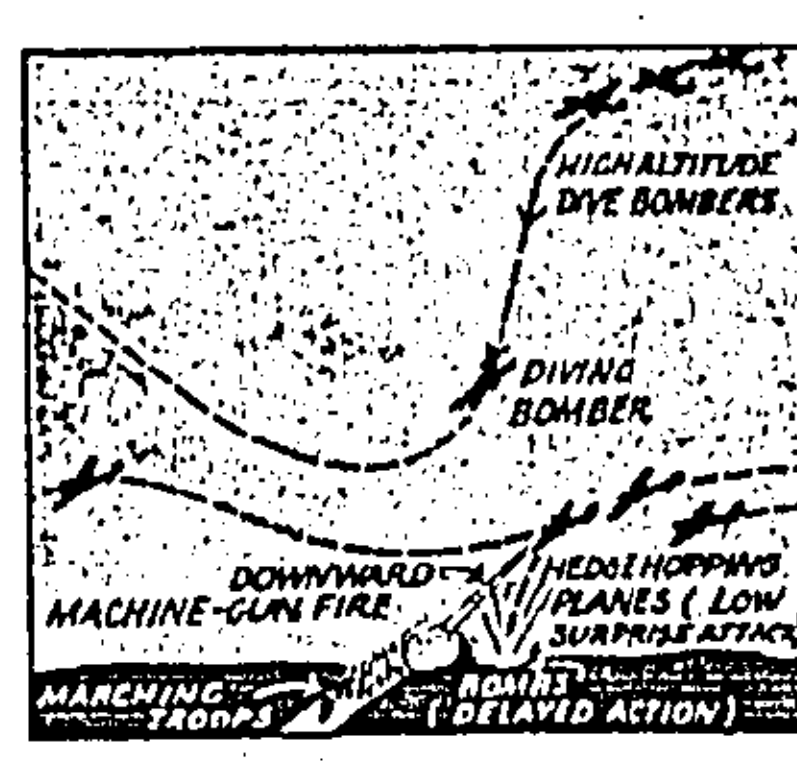
THIS war has already given demonstrations of the three types of bombing which the 1939 pilot has up his sleeve. These diagrams show:—



1. ALTITUDE BOMBING.—Drift and wind make accurate aim difficult. Planes in V-formation follow their leader, dropping bombs in hope of a hit.



2. DIVE BOMBING.—The method used in the Forth Bridge attack. The plane pulls out of a full-speed dive about 700 yards above the target, releasing a bomb just before it does so.



3. ATTACK BOMBING.—Machine guns blazing, "hedge-hoppers" sweep along at 25ft. to 200ft. "Dive-strafters" plunge single-file in surprise attack. Used against ground troops.

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1.—Here are the old and new household names almost. They names of several countries and were:—
An American Davis Cup pair; the English opening pair in the 1906 Tests; a famous vaudeville team; 19th century evangelists and revivalists.

2.—The Hesperus, or, if you like, Bosphorus, connects the:—
Black Sea with the Sea of Marmora; Sea of Marmora with the Aegean; Aegean with the Mediterranean; Mediterranean with the Caspian; Caspian with the Black Sea.

3.—Said Murgatroyd: "I fear I must deal firmly with my daughter Mignonette. Her impudently annoys me." Murgatroyd was referring to Mignonette's:—
Recklessness; insolence; dishonesty; laziness; immaturity; flightiness; untruthfulness.

4.—Famous last words. William Pitt the Younger, Prime Minister of England and great orator, on his deathbed said:—
"It is a far, far better thing that I do than I have ever yet done." "England, have my bones!" "O Death, where is thy sting?" "I think I could eat one of Bellamy's pork pies." "I didn't know it was loaded."

5.—The Keeper of the 24 Golden Umbrellas is the title borne by:—
The Aga Khan; Neville Chamberlain; the Emperor of Japan; the King of Siam; the Dalai Lama.

6.—The youngest man ever to be Prime Minister of Australia was:—
Andrew Fisher; S. M. Bruce; R. G. Menzies; J. C. Watson; J. A. Lyons.

7.—There is only one Communist member of the House of Commons and the war seems to have elbowed him into the background. He is:—
Harry Pollitt; Arthur Greenwood; Archibald Sinclair; J. B. S. Haldane; Willie Garlick; J. S. Macdonald; Stafford Cripps.

8.—Moody and Sanky had quite a spot in the sun in their day:—
Adventure; Dauntless; Furious; Ark Royal; Vindictive; London.

9.—I don't expect you to be a German scholar, but if you read your newspapers as you should you'll know that Schrecklichkeit means:—
Living room; lightning war; Nazi world domination; frightfulness.

10.—Now that the shooting season is well under way, let me warn you. Don't shoot at teragants. It might get you into trouble with the police, because teragants:—
Are closely protected by the game laws; are incredible lizards; are scolding women; are extremely vicious scabards.

11.—Here's a very easy one. Taro is:—
A tropical plant; a South American lasso; a card game; a wild horse of Asia; a hunting call.

12.—And this one is even easier. Copal is:—
A submarine growth; a mineral substance used for making explosives; the edible seeds of an East Indian tree; a resin from which varnish is made.

13.—The cellophane in which your packet of cigarettes was wrapped is made, it might interest you to know, from:—
Asbestos; wood pulp; fine sand; coal dust; fibres of a South American plant.

14.—Field rank in the Army entitles its holder to, among other things, the present arms instead of the salute. Lowest field rank is held by a:—
Captain; lieutenant-colonel; major; brigadier; colonel; major-general.

15.—A company of infantry is commanded by a:—
Company sergeant-major; lieutenant; captain; second-lieutenant.

16.—Next time you quarrel with your wife, seize her by the throat, wrench her wedding ring from her finger and dissolve it in acid. That'll teach her! But make sure the dissolving acid is:—
Sulphuric acid; hydrocyanic acid; acetic acid; malic acid; a mixture of nitric and hydrochloric acids.

17.—John Barleycorn, in literature, is the personification of:—
The English farmer; malt liquor; the old Squire; French brandy; the huntin', shootin', fishin' man.

Answers on Page 8.

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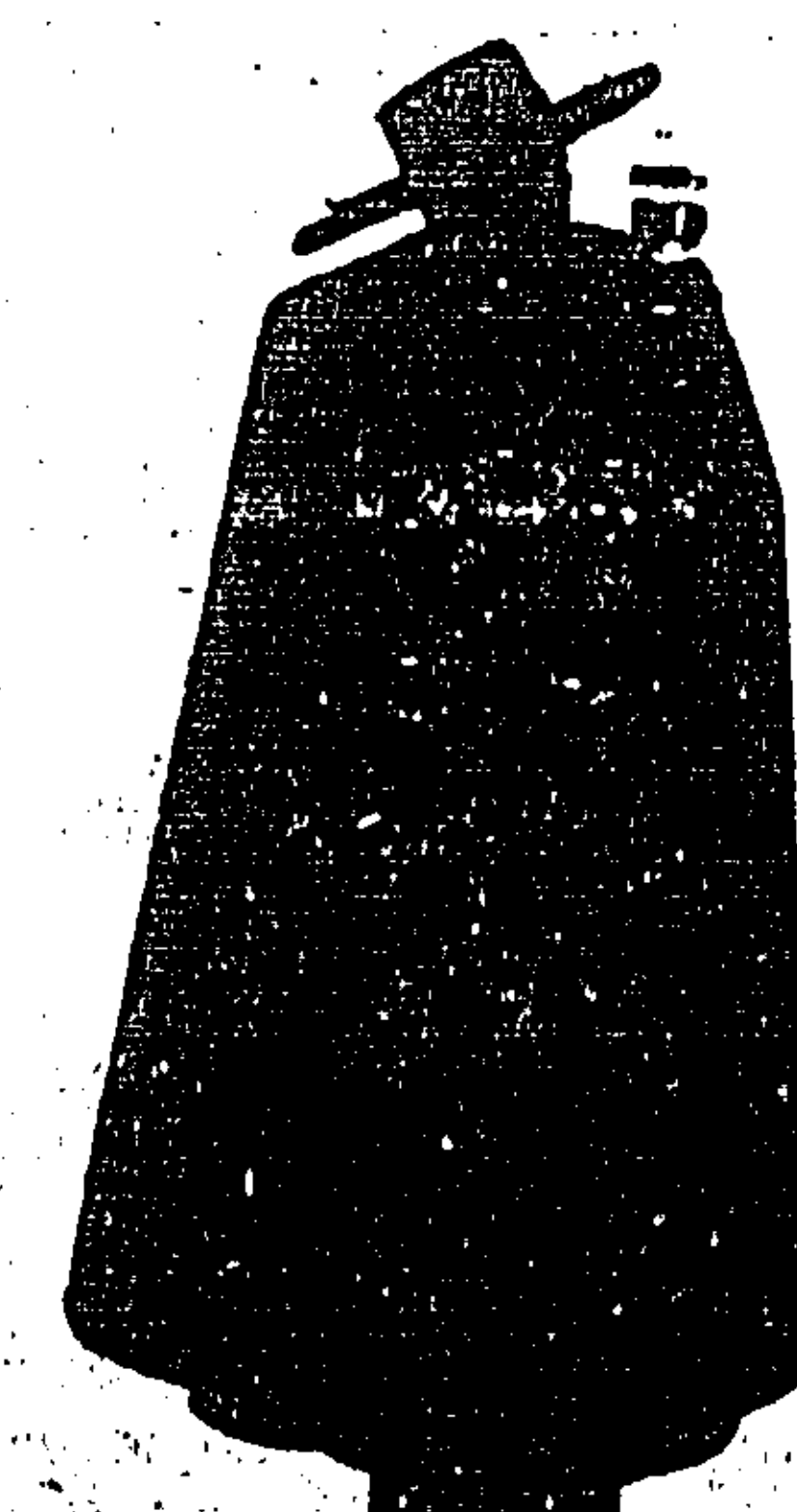
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Salute to a Brave Woman

By ANDRE MAUROIS

(the famous French novelist with the B.E.F.)

IN the main street of a little French town not far from the Western Front an R.A.F. car skidded on the greasy surface and upset a little hand-cart laden with milk.

The crash was violent enough to smash the flimsy shaft. Milk flows from an upturned can and spreads over the roadway.

Greatly discomfited, the officer driving the car pulls up and gets out. But his companions are less serious: "Rotten landing, Bill!"

The neighbours, brought to the scene by the noise, have plenty to say: "Ah bien! What's the milk-woman going to say when she comes back?"

"Where is the milkwoman?" "She's at No. 8, M. Metayer's, delivering his milk. She comes here from the next village every day and milks the cart herself. . . ."

"What'll happen to her now? She'll want five hundred francs from you at the very least."

Which brought much joy to the hearts of the car's passengers. "Five hundred francs! Come on, Bill, pay up! Tout de suite . . . and the tooter the sweeter!"

AT this juncture the milkwoman arrived. An old woman, she was, in apron and bodice, her hair white, her face thin and weary. The sight of the milk lying in the roadway struck right to her heart. "Heaven!" she cried . . . "my milk!"

"It was Bill, madame," the air-men chorused. "It was Bill . . . and he's going to make it alright."

Bill, in his own French, explained that he was more than sorry, that he was willing to pay the cost of the repairs, the broken bottles and the spilled milk . . . the milk-woman shook her head.

"The money," she said, "is nothing. But who is there to mend my cart?"

"Well," said Bill, "surely there are carpenters in this village."

"No, my good monsieur: all the wheelwrights have been mobilised."

"Wait," she said, "There is that joiner . . . Laplume . . . surely you know him?"

"Go," said the milkwoman. "Of course you do . . . The one with the red hair, who married the chair-maker."

"Ah!" said the milkwoman, "that's not Laplume: it's Laprune you mean."

AND then began a long and impassioned dialogue between the two women on the subject of Laprune, his ancestry, his political opinions, his calling, while the air-men, still waiting, shouted:

"Pay up, Bill. Tout de suite! Let's get started."

Timidly Bill interrupted the saga of the Laprune family.

"Madame, if you'll tell me how much I will pay . . . tout de suite."

"And how can I tell, my good monsieur? What with the milk, the cart, the bottles and all, it goes pretty nigh a hundred and fifty francs."

The neighbour nudged her.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Britain Still Rules Seas

Why She Is Assured Of Ultimate Victory

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The Cairo paper, "El Mokattam," in a leader headed "Who Rules the Seas?" emphasizes the fact that whoever does this is sure to win the war, and is therefore assured of victory.

The article points out the insignificance of the German naval measures, and in a concluding reference to the German threat after the Altmark incident, the article says that it does not worry the Britons as Germany has done its worst and its ultimate fate is sealed.

Senator Mohamed Abdul Migid Abd Bey, writing in the same paper, said that England's policy never was hostile to Moslems, recalling occasions of friendly co-operation in history.

The Argentine paper, "Accion," says: "The British have justified their duty as a neutral. Neutrals can claim respect of their territorial waters only when acts favouring one belligerent are not committed in them."

The entire Press of Beyrouth has strong sympathy with, and approval of, the British action in connection with the Altmark case. This action is described as brilliant navigation full of courage and heroism worthy of British naval traditions.

The "Annahar," in an editorial, describes the episode as stigmatising Germany with piracy while establishing once again Britain's indisputable supremacy overseas.

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Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

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A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21829).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No animals will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Times will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order, C. D. BROWN, Secretary, Hongkong, 11th February, 1940.

BERLIN IS ANXIOUS

British Navy Movements Gives Concern

ZURICH, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—There is anxiety in Berlin as the result of what is described as "the activities of the British Navy in the northern seas," according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Neue Zurcher Zeitung."

This correspondent says: "The nervous misgivings in Berlin concerning the activity of the British Navy in Norwegian territory are growing more and more and are developing into an anxiety lest Britain may start a great war offensive launched from North Europe."

"The German authorities, therefore, are trying to give the impression that not a moment will be lost in starting a big offensive before the British Navy or the Air Force will have launched these big attacks."

Communist And Fascist Defeated

By-Election Result

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Voters at the by-election at Silvertown—the docks and industrial area on the East End outskirts of London—registered a striking victory for the national cause.

The vacancy, caused by the resignation of Mr. Jack Jones, a Labour member of over 20 years, resulted as follows:

Alderman J. H. Hollins (Labour) 14,545.

Harry Pollitt (a prominent Communist) 966.

Thomas Moran (British Union of Fascists) 151.

Pollitt and Moran forfeit the election deposits of £150 each, owing to the paucity of the votes they polled.

Solid Determination

Mr. Hollins told "Reuter" after the declaration of the poll that the result was an expression of the opinion by workers of this country that they were standing solidly in their determination to wipe out evil things from the face of Europe.

"Silvertown has again sent a message to the Labour Movement and to the nation that it is prepared to see that the men who are manning the ships, trenches and aerodromes get all the support that the working class movement of this country is able to give."

ANGLO-NORWAY TRADE PACT

Will Be Signed In London Shortly

OSLO, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—It has been officially announced that a trade agreement between Britain and Norway is expected to be signed shortly in London.

The statement says: "Negotiations have been going on for some time in London and Oslo on Norwegian and British trade during the present extraordinary conditions and with the aim of obtaining modifications of British contraband control regarding supplies for Norway."

"An agreement has now been reached."

It has also been officially announced that a German-Norwegian protocol regulating trade between these two countries during the war was to be signed to-day.

STOCK EXCHANGE CHEERFUL

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day maintained a cheerful disposition with Kafirs, diamonds and industrials at the forefront of activity, and offerings for profit-taking were quickly absorbed.

Gilt-edged securities were well supported and the Irredeemable Indian loans were sharply marked-up on news of the proposed conversions.

Home rails, after easing, were steadier.

Of the commodities, shellac was firm and there was a fair trade demand.

Wall Street was irregular.

Miss M. A. M. Mackay has been appointed to be Nursing Sister in Government Service.

Now It's A 'Sitzkrieg'

And Germany Can't Win It

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—A survey by the "New York Times" on the Rumanian ban on gasoline exports to Germany says that it "has all the earmarks of a major victory for Britain and France."

The paper says that while Germany may have ample reserves of gasoline for a "sitzkrieg" with Britain, she can hardly support a campaign of unlimited bombing operations in the air or a great land offensive on the western battlefields without an uninterrupted flow of Rumanian oil.

Only Potential

Russia is a potential source but nothing more, for there is every indication that transport troubles in the winter have prevented Russian supplies from reaching Germany in anything more than dribbles.

The survey says that the German compulsion to seek other methods was suggested to the German trade envoys at Bucharest.

"All neutral neighbours of Germany know from experience what these other methods mean. They mean pressure based on a tacit threat of an armed invasion if the neutrals do not stand and deliver," says the paper.

"But in Rumania the Allies have ways and means of countering, at least in part, the fear of a German attack. In effect the Turks have told Rumania not to be afraid of Germany's anger since the powerful Turkish Army stands ready to help."

Berlin Shows Anxiety

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—According to the Berlin correspondent of the "Telegraaf," Dr. Clodius, German economic expert, has left for Bucharest to clear up the question of Germany's oil supplies.

His departure has been taken as a clear indication of the anxiety felt in Berlin over the oil position.

It has been stated that Dr. Clodius will endeavour to persuade the Rumanian Government to exempt oil exports to Germany from the recently imposed 25 per cent. ad valorem duty.

OLD RESIDENT DIES IN HOME

The death occurred early this morning of Miss Sophie Maria Franco, at her residence, 35 Robinson Road. Miss Franco was 76 years of age and was born in the Colony, where she has resided all her life.

An esteemed and respected member of the Portuguese community, Miss Franco was known among a wide circle of friends, to whom her passing comes as a great loss. She was one of the oldest residents of Hongkong.

She leaves behind four sisters and a brother.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, passing the Monument at 4 o'clock.

HITLER'S BARBARITY

More Neutral Ships Sunk From Air

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Nazi planes were busy over the North Sea to-day looking for unarmed merchant ships. As usual, the neutral ships suffered.

Several Norwegian ships were attacked, one being set on fire and another sunk.

A lifeboat stood by the ship that was on fire while repairs were being made. Later the ship continued on its voyage.

Searching For Crew

Her captain told the men in the lifeboat that another Norwegian ship, whose name he did not know, had been bombed and sunk. A British naval vessel is now searching for the crew.

A Belgian captain reported that his ship was sinking and the captain of another vessel that his vessel was "being taken in tow by a war-ship."

Norway has also lost another ship, the 1,000 ton Teines, which has not been heard of since February 9. She was bound from New York to Holland and Belgium and had on board a crew of eighteen.

British Ship Machine-Gunned

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The 2,429 ton British ship Gothic which left port last night, returned within two hours having been attacked by enemy planes.

Captain J. Cooper Nesbitt and the second mate, Mr. Laxton, were seriously injured by machine gun bullets and are now in hospital.

The ship's superstructure was heavily riddled by bullets.

Heavy Soviet Casualties

HELSINKI, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—An official communique issued to-day claims that the Finns have repulsed two enemy attacks between Muolajarvi and Ayrappanjarve after each of which the Russians left approximately a whole battalion of dead.

The enemy detachment which attacked Suikari across the Ayrappan Lake were driven back, losing 800 men who were killed and 100 prisoners.

In the course of cleaning up a stronghold captured on Wednesday in the northern district of Lake Ladoga, an abundance of war material was captured including 12 guns and over 50 machine guns and tractors.

Proposed Loan To Finland Quashed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—A proposal to permit a loan of \$30,000,000 to Finland for the purchase of military and other supplies in the United States was overwhelmingly defeated in the Banking Committee of the House of Representatives.

The proposal was in the form of an amendment to the Bill—already approved by the Senate—to increase the capital of the Export and Import Bank to permit loans to Finland and other countries for military purposes.

Dutch Anger Flares Up

Hot Criticism Of The U-Boat Campaign

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The anger and consternation caused in Holland by the sinking of Dutch ships is reflected in the "Algemeen Handelsblad," which describes torpedoing without warning as an act of injustice and unworthy of a seafaring nation.

The paper points out that not a single Italian or American ship has been lost this way. It is Netherlands and Scandinavian shipping that is made to suffer.

"There is a deliberate plan not only to torpedo without warning, but to pick on ships sailing on behalf of small neutral countries which are dependent on supplies from other neutral lands overseas."

Berlin Annoyed

Government circles in Berlin are very angry at the bitter comments in the small neutral countries about the U-boat campaign. Neutral correspondents in Berlin were told to-day that a "very sharp answer" will be forthcoming if the Press attacks on the Nazi methods of sea warfare are continued.

The official declared: "Neutral papers, particularly the Dutch Press, must mend their manners. Germany can no longer tolerate the accusations being made against her submarine commanders whose conduct is even being called barbarous."

They refused to comment on the statement of the captain of the Dutch ship, Tara, that his ship was torpedoed without warning, resorting to the stock reply that they must await the submarine commander's report before expressing any opinion.

Soviets Deny Pajala Raid

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—A denial by the official "Tass" agency that Soviet aircraft had bombed the Swedish village of Pajala was broadcast on the Moscow radio to-night.

It was declared that not a single Soviet plane had flown over Pajala nor generally over Swedish territory.

Rumours that the Soviets had demanded from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania the cession of new naval bases and the increase of Russian garrisons in ceded bases were likewise described as baseless and completely false.

War-Time Control Of Wolfram

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Arrangements between the Ministry of Supply and the Australian Government for war-time control of Australian wolfram ore production will be ratified in Melbourne next week.

According to market circles, the ore is of good quality, the annual production of which averages 1,000 tons.

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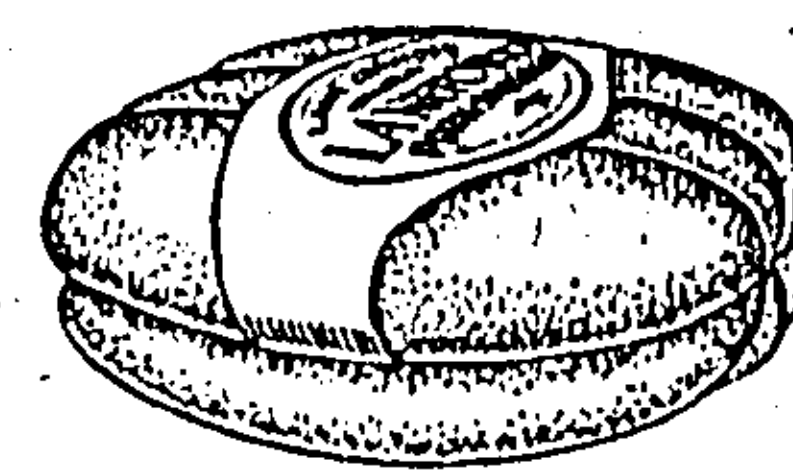
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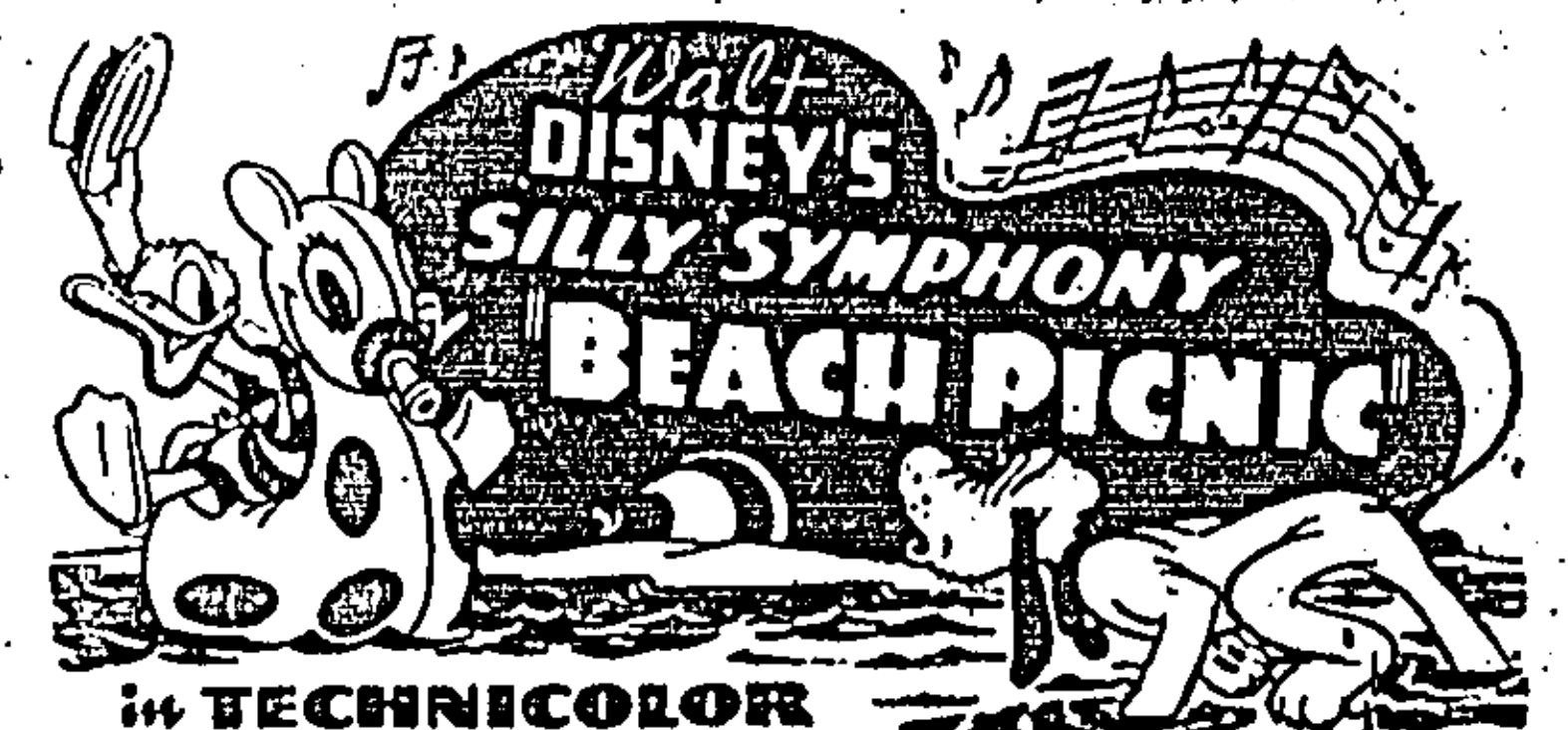
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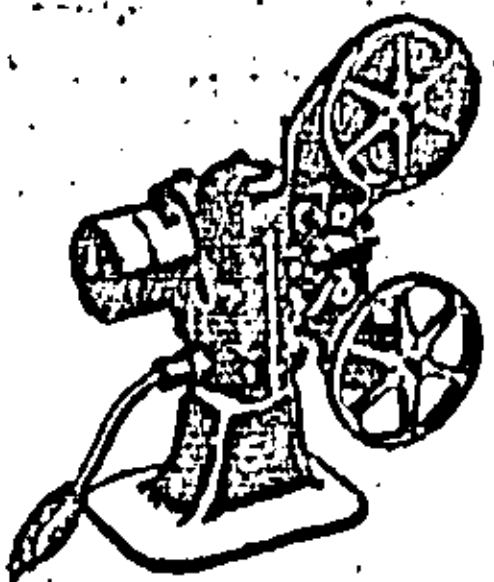
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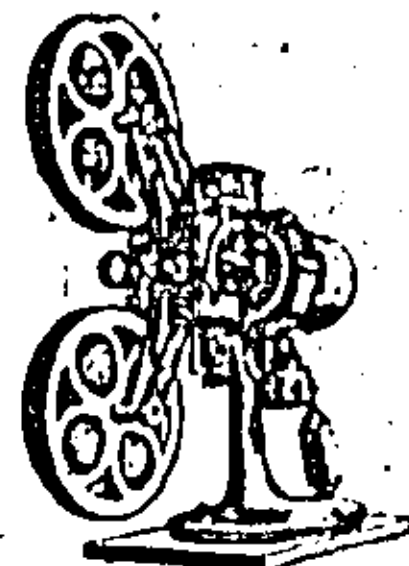
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These statements are made in an authoritative article in the "Saturday Evening Post," one of the most conservative magazines in America. An introduction to the article states that it is based on "information from sources inside Germany which we have always found to be reliable."

The girl is named. She is Eva (or Evi) Helen Braun, 28-years-old fair-haired girl from Munich in Bavaria. The romance is known, it is added, to several of the highest Nazi officials, some of whom believe Hitler and his Fraulein are married.

The girl is said to be a typical German *hausfrau* and conducts herself in the Chancellery just as if she had been acknowledged publicly as the wife of Germany's dictator.

The romance started ten years ago when the girl, who is the daughter of a Munich professor, Dr. Joseph Braun, met Hitler through one of his most ardent supporters, a photographer named Heinrich Hoffmann.

Fraulein Braun became Hoffmann's assistant and soon was a member of the inner circle of Hitler's worshippers.

During the early days of her friendship with Hitler the strictest rules of German etiquette were observed. She was always chaperoned by Frau Himmler or the wife of some other Nazi leader.

Hitler enjoyed having her in his entourage. She remained always near him, ready to divert him with talk and discussion on anything and everything—except politics.

When the Nazis finally achieved undisputed power over Germany, one of Hitler's first actions was to take a house for Fraulein Braun in a fashionable district of Munich.

As time passed it became accepted among the inner-Nazi circle that Fraulein Braun was betrothed to Hitler.

When they were together in Hitler's mountain retreat among their intimate friends at Berchtesgaden he would hold her hand openly. After a while she began to refer to him as her fiance.

Hitler gave her many valuable gifts of jewellery which, without ostentation, she wears occasionally.

He also built for her a small house on land adjoining his own great estate at Berchtesgaden.

When Hitler entered Vienna in March 1938, in the procession Eva was sitting in a car containing the wives of the other Nazi leaders.

Last year Professor Braun and his wife began to get restless about the association, since Hitler apparently seemed content to let the engagement run on indefinitely.

Later they told their daughter that her good name was being compromised. They urged her to ask Hitler to fix a date for the wedding.

After the Munich Agreement, in September of last year, Hitler began to meet many types of polished and sophisticated German society women, and Eva faded into the background.

One night she attempted to commit suicide by taking an overdose of sleeping tablets. It was only a half-hearted attempt, but it served its purpose.

Hitler visited her several times during her convalescence, states the article, and was warmly affectionate.

It was during the fateful days at Salzburg last August, when Hitler met Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, that he is believed to have come to a decision to regularise Fraulein Braun's position.

Did he agree to a secret wedding? If there was a wedding, it remains a secret. But, whatever his decision, he acted on it quickly.

As soon as he returned from Salzburg he ordered that part of his personal suite at the Chancellery should be prepared for Eva's exclusive use.

She moved in at once, and is still there.

WAR AMONG TRIBES

Forest Battle In Philippine Island

Manila, Feb. 23.

Three men and one woman were killed in an outbreak of warfare between the nomadic Manobo tribes in Agusan province. Five others were wounded or are missing.

The fighting is reported to have resulted when tribesmen killed a member of a neighbouring tribe and

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kidnapped his wife, whereafter his relatives avenged his death.

It is reported that the fighting is going on in the forests with homemade guns and spears and for this reason the Philippine soldiers are attempting to intervene. The tribesmen are polygamists.—United Press.

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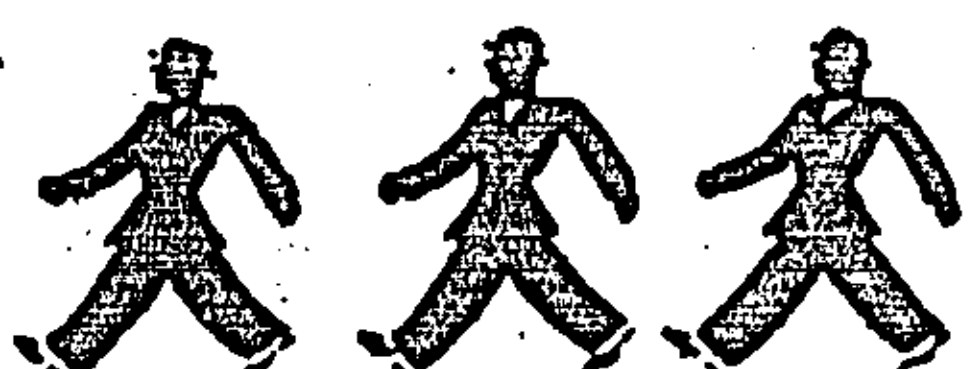
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Hair And Hats Of 1940

THE ancient feud between hair-dressers and hat designers was suspended recently at a joint showing in New York of millinery by Mme. Lilly Dache and coiffures by Charles of the Ritz.

For centuries the indoor and outdoor guises of a woman's head have been regarded as two separate and distinct style problems, accompanied by the perennial wails, "I'd love that hat, but it looks so funny with my hair this way," or "I'd love to do my hair differently, but what's the use when it gets all smashed down under my hat?"

It's time, those two exponents of headpiece fashions decided, that something should be done about this state of affairs. Being habitual crusaders, they met and agreed to celebrate the signing of a peace treaty between hats and tresses. Here in their four-point plan for a perfect harmony of hats and hair in 1940:

1. The head will look large this year in contrast to the sleek look of former seasons. Hair and hat will combine to give a soft, flattering and rather wide frame to the face. Women will look as if they have a lot of hair, even though they choose to have it cut short.

Hats Go to Hairdresser
2. Each smart woman will study carefully the numerous silhouettes sponsored by millinery designers this year and will choose her hat wardrobe to follow the general trend which suits her best—flat on the head with fullness at the back of the neck, flat across the back with fullness at the front or top, wide-brimmed hats tying under the chin or turned up sharply on one side. Her hats will go with her to her hairdresser so she can have her coiffure designed around them. Hatless or hatted, the silhouette of her head will be equally charming, and no coiffure casually will result from the wearing of her hats.

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It is necessary to go back to the fourteenth or fifteenth century to find a parallel case, and prosecuting counsel at Jersey Royal Court when Arthur Reginald Woodhall, aged forty-seven, was remanded until the following week on a charge of blasphemous libel.

Woodhall was said to have produced a photograph representing himself as Christ crucified. He will be tried by the Ecclesiastical Court.



Hats and hair—these two fashion enemies—meet here with successful results. This coiffure by Charles of the Ritz illustrates the soft flattering and rather wide frame which the famous hair stylist maintains will be the vogue for the coming year. The tall pillbox of brocade in lovely tones of magenta, violet and gold was designed by Dache to complement the coiffure.

3. Curls, bangs, sleek waves and rolls of hair will be an integral part of the picture when a woman wears a hat. The hat will sit charmingly in the coiffure like a bird in its nest, instead of perched on top like a on a limb. A careless coiffure will damage the effect as much as a torn veil or limp feather.

4. Women will not be ordered to wear their hair up or down, their hair brims and crowns high, wide or drooping. This year there are fashions for every woman and every hair. A coiffure easily combed and has the chic to accomplish it. There are hats, too, for the long "glamour girl" bob—a fashion that has never been deplored by either Dache or Charles, since it is, after all, the

most becoming fashion to the round-faced, unsophisticated young girl. The only request made of the woman who wishes to look smart is that she make her hairdresser and her milliner her allies.

High on Side for 1940

In general, hair fashions for 1940 will follow the high-on-the-side, down-in-the-back line with a feeling of fullness and elaboration in the coiffure. Swirled sides and back, large, simple rolls, and newest of all, the romantic "Schiller Locke," with the long curl ranging from the back of the ear over the shoulder, were featured at the hair and hat show. The 1940 rule will be softness, a coiffure easily combed and kept in place without pins, shining with cleanliness and health, and eye-catching for that "little something" that marks it as individually created for every woman.

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 24, 1890.
There is marked reaction in Japan against the use of foreign dress and now, according to the "Kokumin-shun" reaction is setting in against foreign travel. There are three causes, it says, for this change. Firstly, so many Japanese have been abroad that they have made the modern grand tour has lost its distinction. Secondly, the student has now as great facilities for prosecuting his studies in Japan, even in special branches, as abroad. Thirdly, so many who have travelled bring back nothing with them except ability to talk in a commonplace fashion about parks, museums and so forth.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 24, 1915.
A German dirigible flew over Calais, dropping 10 bombs and killing five people. The great actress Mme. Sarah Bernhardt has had to have her right leg amputated. A satisfactory bulletin as to her condition has been issued. (Though the telegram does not say so explicitly, the juxtaposition of the report of the bomb throwing and the operation on the great actress gives a certain amount of justification for the belief that she was one of the victims of the dirigible. Mme. Bernhardt is 70 years of age and has been actively working since the war as a nurse and contributing articles to the papers.)

The enemy violently bombarded Rheims on Sunday and Monday causing numerous victims, who thus were made to pay for the German defeat of the last few days.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 24, 1930.
With conditions as they are in China, one looks to vain for any probable source of a consumptive demand of sufficient strength and endurance to effect an appreciable recovery in prices, said the Chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation when referring to the silver position in the course of his speech at the annual meeting held in the City Hall this morning.

Referring to the Colony's currency, he said that 20 million silver dollars had been put into circulation and the further import of silver was to be expected. The increase in the Bank's note circulation had been rendered possible by the Government making a note concession in regard to the taxation of the issue.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 24, 1935.
Largely as a result of the steady advance of Shanghai exchange, the Hongkong dollar registered a further advance of a farthing this morning, opening at 1s. 10½d., which is the highest rate for over five years. Exchange rates in Shanghai were very firm this morning, the market opening at 1s. 6½d. The rate is falling away from silver and there is considerable speculation as to likely developments, especially in view of the fact that an overvalued position of something like \$2,000,000 exists. There is considerable excitement in exchange circles both in Shanghai and Hongkong.

Committed For Trial

Lau Po-lau, alias Paul Lau, was committed to the Criminal Sessions by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday on charges of (a) simple larceny (b) illegal possession of arms and ammunition, (c) shooting at Mrs. A. M. Estall with intent to harm her and (d) shooting with intent to resist arrest.

Sub-Inspector Goodwin prosecuted. Sergeant Major C. M. Estall said on the morning of January 29 his wife went to his office at China Command Headquarters. She was agitated and told him an armed robbery had occurred at home. He went there immediately and the man of the house pointed out to him a hole on the floor near the kitchen sink. Later he was handed a bullet, which the man was said to have extracted from the hole.

Sergeant Perkins, Police armorer, said he received an automatic pistol for examination on January 29. It was in good order and had been fired within 24 hours.

Police Interpreter Lee Ying-chau said that when defendant was charged with shooting Mrs. Estall with intent to harm her, he said: "I produced the pistol with the intent to threaten her, hoping that she would let me go. I did not fire the pistol at her."

Defendant said he did not wish to make any statement in Court.

JAPAN'S POLICY

Questions In Upper House

Tokyo, Feb. 23.
A barrage of pointed questions regarding Japan's foreign policy were posed to the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hiroshi Arima, when the House of Peers resumed its general meeting this afternoon.

Count Michimasa Soejima, Ken-yukai, declared that Japan should conduct her foreign policy towards all foreign countries including Britain, the United States, Germany and the Soviet Union in accordance with justice.

Regretting that various foreign Powers have yet to understand Japan's sincere intentions in the China Affair, Count Soejima said that there appeared to be more than one point requiring consideration in Japan's foreign relations, especially her relations with Great Britain.

The interpellator declared that Japan up to the present has never proceeded with aggressionism. He declared that the fact that notwithstanding Japan's honest intentions Japan was regarded by foreign Powers as an aggressor should be attributed to lack of unity in foreign policy and unscrupulous speeches or utterances.

Such circumstances will only add to the chances of imposing upon Japan on the part of alien Powers, Count Soejima continued.

"Japan is apt to utter big words privately but she nevertheless tends to shrink from the scenes of international activity," Count Soejima charged.

Japanese diplomats abroad are almost addicted to the promotion of friendly relations with the countries to which they are accredited or appointed. The same may be said of military attaches or resident military officers.

He suggested that as it is doing much towards the promotion of friendly relations with the graduates of the Naval Academy to go on the Ocean Cruise the Army also may well send young officers abroad before they engage in military training. There will be no trouble in defraying expenses for such an enterprise.

Referring to the construction of a new order in East Asia, Count Soejima declared that now that Japan is advancing with her might and main for the building of a new East Asian order she must demonstrate the efficiency of foreign policy based on justice in view of the serious sacrifices paid by many valiant officers and men.

The veteran politician urged the Government to do away with any humiliating foreign policy and proceed with a gallant attitude by making Japan's true intentions in the China Affair clearly known abroad and co-operating with those countries wishing for lasting peace.

Arima Replies

Replying, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arima, also regretted that there are foreigners who are unable to understand Japan's sincere intentions and accuse Japan of aggressive intentions.

"It goes without saying that diplomacy should be conducted in a just and equitable manner at any time," Foreign Minister Arima continued. Assuming the questioner that continuous efforts are being made to deepen the understanding of Japan's intentions in foreign Powers in connection with the construction of a new East Asian order, Foreign Minister Arima said that the Government would not hesitate to renovate any defects in the Foreign Office as alleged by people now and again.

Premier Yonai agreed in the spirit of the interpellation and affirmed that the Government would endeavour to act up to the Imperial wishes with the co-operation of the people.

Count Soejima hoped that the Government would pay particular attention to the fact that there are people in Britain, America and other foreign countries who do not understand Japan's intentions.

Baron Ryutaro Fukao, Koseikai, pointed out that though paramount importance attaches to the consolidation of the wartime machinery and the expansion of production the so-called financial clique are rejected in Manchukuo while "one enterprise one corporation" principle is advocated in North China.

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various enterprises, Baron Fukao said that reformation as these principles might be reformation usually is accompanied by frictions with various sections of the society. It will be a serious question if these frictions come to hamper the proposed expansion of production.

Terming "dangerous" an unspecified, uniform low price policy, Baron Fukao urged the necessity of readjusting commodity prices in the interest of production expansion.

Premier Yonai said that the Government would stick to the low price policy and decide on proper prices according to different kinds of commodities. He agreed in the necessity of maintaining close co-operation between the Government, people and fighting services in expanding production.—Domel.

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Police Constable Fazal Karim, 24, was discharged by Mr. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday on a charge of having obtained \$22.45 from Chief Inspector W. R. Chester-Woods by false pretences. Karim was defended by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

Mr. Macfadyen said there was insufficient evidence as to why precisely Karim was called to Inspector Chester-Woods' office, and that the prosecution had failed to prove its case.

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7.30 London Relay—The News.
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 New Light Symphony Orchestra—At Dawning, The Waltzing Doll, Poet and Peasant—Overture, Serenade Mauresque, Op. 10, No. 2.
8.20 The Regimental Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards—"The Mikado"—Selection, Hands Across the Sea—March.
8.30 London Relay—"Freedom's Sword"—Finland's Independence led by Field Marshall Mannerheim.
9.15 London Relay—News Summary.
9.28 Local Sports Results.
9.30 Variety Programme.
10.30 London Relay—Speech by Prime Minister from Birmingham.
11.00 London Relay—"London Lox".
11.15 Dance Music.
12.00 midnight. Close Down.

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12.25 Beethoven—Sonata in B Flat Major, Op. 22.—Arthur Schnabel (Piano).

12.50 Songs by Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano)—I Love Thee, Et Hüb, Op. 28, No. 1, Lykken Mellem To Mennsker, with Piano accomp. by Edwin McArthur.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Studio—Another "Musical Cocktail" by Erich Porges (Piano).

1.23 Orchestral Interlude—"The Maid of the Mountains"—Selection, The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Cress.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Violin Solos by Yehudi Menuhin—Hungarian Dance No. 7 in A Major, Zupatendo, Op. 23, Perpetual Motion, Op. 11, with Piano accomp. by Marcel Gazelle.

1.55 Verdi's "Aida" Act IV.—Characters and Solists in order of appearance—Maria Copuana (Mezzo-Soprano), Amneris, Pharaoh's daughter, Arnoldo Lindi (Tenor), Rhamenes, a young warrior; Tancredi Pasero (Bass), Ramfis, High Priest; Arangi-Lombardi (Soprano), Aida; with Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan, and Orchestra.

2.30 Close down.

7.0 Half an hour with Schumann.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 March Weber and His Orchestra with Dennis Noble (Baritone) and Esso Ackland (Contralto).

8.45 Studio—Talk on "The Anzac" by C. de Salles-Robertson.

9.05 Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra—Hun-

garian March, Mimet of the Will O' The Wisp.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—Despatch from the Front.

9.45 Military Band Music.—The Jolly Robbers—Overture, The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band; Marche Lorraine, H.M. Grenadier Guards.

9.57 Celio Solos by Beatrice Harrison—Elegie, Caprice, with Orchestral accomp; Orientale, with Organ accomp. by Herbert Dawson.

10.07 Edwin H. Lemare at the Organ.—Andantino in D Flat, Träumerei.

10.15 Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue.

10.35 Close down.

DRUMMER BOYS' 52 CHARGES

FOURTEEN Army drummer boys serving at Dorchester barracks faced a total of 52 charges at Dorchester all concerning thefts in Dorchester and Weymouth.

"We don't get much money, and when anything is going cheap we naturally go for it," said one boy, accused of receiving.

It was stated that 4s. of the boys' 7s. a week pay was credited to them and they were given 3s.

Ages of the boys were between 14 and 17. Seven were before an adult court, the rest were in a juvenile court.

All pleaded guilty to stealing or to receiving stolen property.

Chocolates and cigarettes were taken from the Naafi barracks, clothing from a tradesman's car, and darts and playing-cards from a soldiers' institute.

Several boys who received property from other members of the gang said they used it for Christmas presents for their families.

A 15-year-old boy was said to have taken a doctor's bag, containing all his instruments, from a car.

All the boys were bound over for a year.

LONDON WELCOMES HEROES

London, Feb. 23.

The crews of the Ajax and Exeter and also huge crowds got a big surprise when the King in the uniform of Admiral of the Fleet and the Queen appeared as they assembled on the Horse Guards Parade.

The King decorated those who were awarded honours last night in the Gazette, after which he took salute, while the Queen chatted with wives and relatives.

King George talked for several minutes with black-garbed Mrs. W. Russell, widow of the Marine who died in action with both arms shot off, when she received her husband's award of conspicuous gallantry.

Before the decoration the King, Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, Mr. Winston Churchill, the Duke of Kent and Mr. Neville Chamberlain, with his umbrella inspected the 700 members of the crew.

The King shook hands with the officers.

After the decoration the King, with the Queen by his side, stood for the salute as the victory march started with bands playing Hearts of Oak.

Friendless crowds lined the routes and the scenes almost paralleled the Coronation festivities. They were mostly women and children and troops on leave who went about waving flags, throwing confetti.

Some who waited for over five hours to see the heroes of the River Plate little broke through the Police lines and swarmed around the sailors.

A grey haired woman stood on the wing of a bus and waved an umbrella wildly in the air.

A tumultuous reception was given to the vanguard of the officers and men who represented the crews of the two ships at 10-day's luncheon by the Lord Mayor and City Corporation.

Scores of theatres and cinemas admitted the River Plate heroes free. Soldiers and civilians clapped and cheered and many wartime reviews were interrupted while the officers were obliged to stand up and acknowledge the applause of one audience when they sang "Rule Britannia".

The crews of the Ajax and Exeter drew lots as to who should attend the Guildhall luncheon. They staged the victory march accompanied by the Royal Marines divisional band from Chatham with the muffled bands of the two ships and entered the Guildhall.

The string band of the Portsmouth Marine played "Heroes of the River Plate," which was specially composed for the occasion.

The trophies on display at the Guildhall included the sword which Nelson presented to the City of London.—United Press.

Dense Crowds

London, Feb. 23.

The relatives of the men who lost their lives in the battle were accommodated in a special enclosure and after the investiture the King with the Queen made a special visit to the enclosure and had conversations with the bereaved.

As each officer and man stopped forward during the investiture, dense crowds roared their appreciation.

When the men of the Ajax and Exeter marched away to the Guildhall, Central London traffic was dislocated for a lengthy period owing to the enthusiasm of hundreds of thousands who flocked to welcome.

Scenes were paralleled since the Coronation greeted the officers and men when they arrived at Waterloo Station, whence they marched through the city to the Guildhall.

Over 600 of the men who arrived by train from Devonport were joined as they left the station by a small contingent already in London. The train was met by the combined bands of the two ships drawn up on the platform and as the train stopped the Band Major flung his staff into the air. As the men marched out led by the bands, cheer after cheer crashed out, almost drowning the music.

Long before the men were expected to arrive the streets along the procession route were afire with flags and people beginning to take up vantage points. Outside Waterloo Station many extra Police were on duty to help in controlling the spectators. School children predominated in the crowds and many soldiers—Canadian as well as British—waited to share in the tribute.—Reuter.

Achilles Welcomed

Auckland, Feb. 22.

The British cruiser Achilles, attached to the New Zealand Squadron, one of the victors in the Graf Spee battle, arrived in Auckland today and was given a tumultuous welcome by thousands of people who crowded every vantage point to cheer the warship home, while escort planes swooped and dived overhead.

To-day is being observed as a special holiday and the Government and civic authorities are giving a public reception to the crew.—Reuter.

British Wireless adds that, at the ceremonial luncheon all leaders of the country paid tribute to the officers and men. The Mayor of Auckland presented Nelson's first dirk to the cruiser.

SANDPIPER CAPTAIN Leaves Changsha En Route To Shanghai

Chungking, Feb. 23.

A correspondent in Changsha has wired that the captain of the H.M.S. Sandpiper today left Changsha by Chinese Government launch and truck, following the still uncut Ningpo route to Shanghai over which the crew of the Sandpiper travelled a month ago.

H.M.S. Sandpiper has been left behind in charge of Mr. James Taylor, a former Socony man.—United Press.

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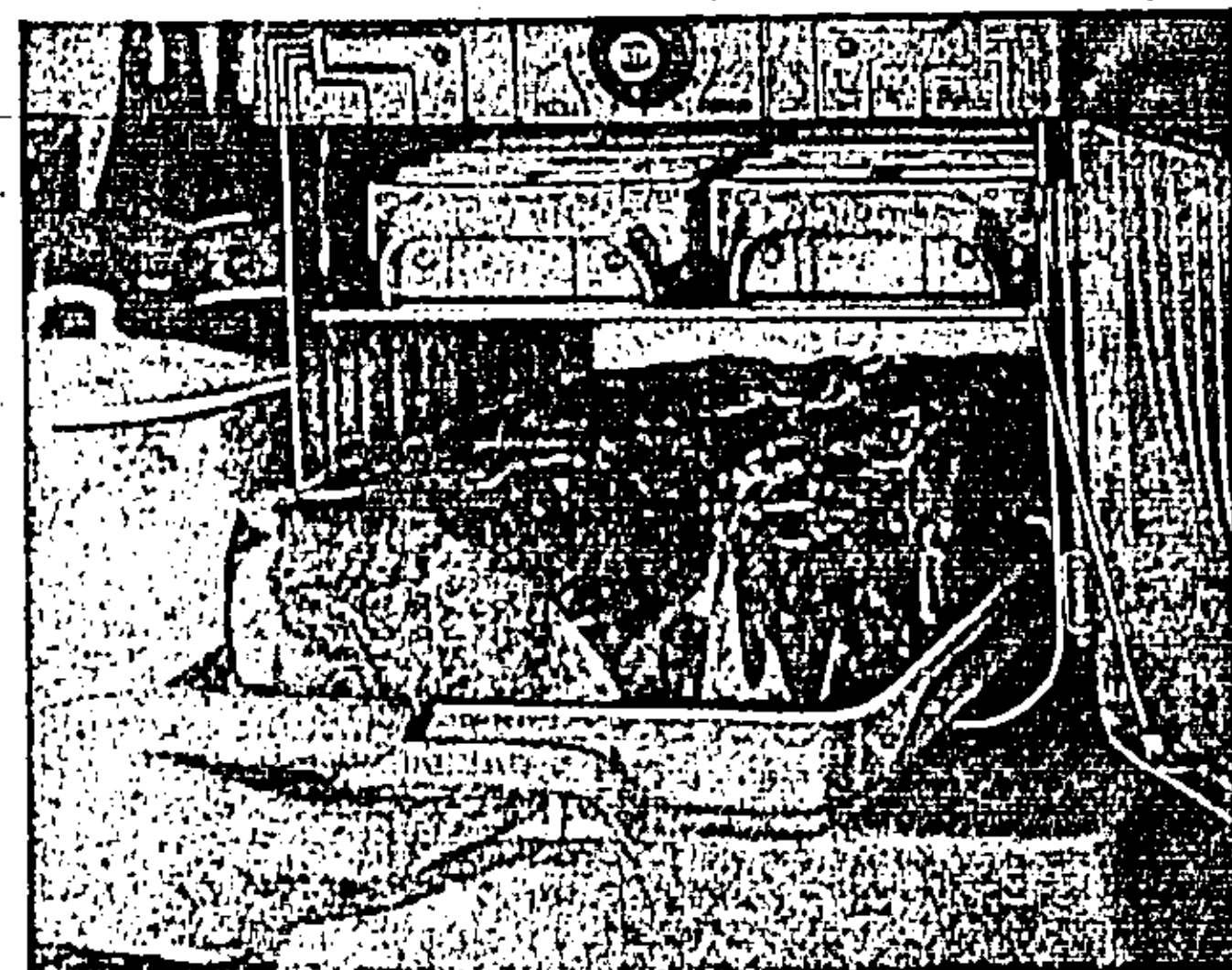


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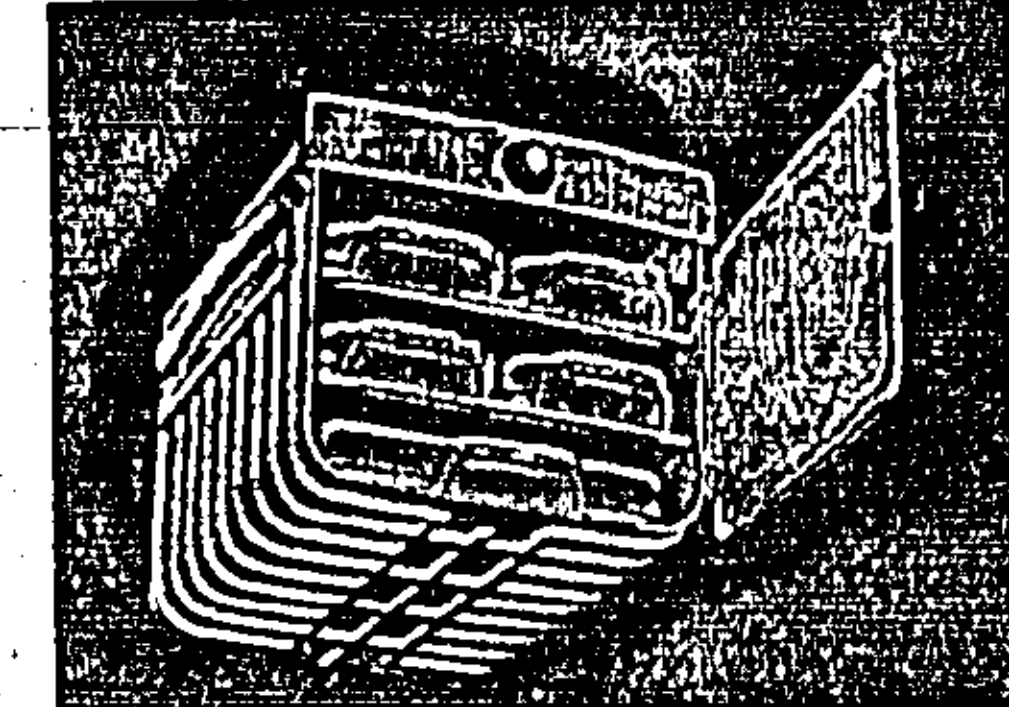
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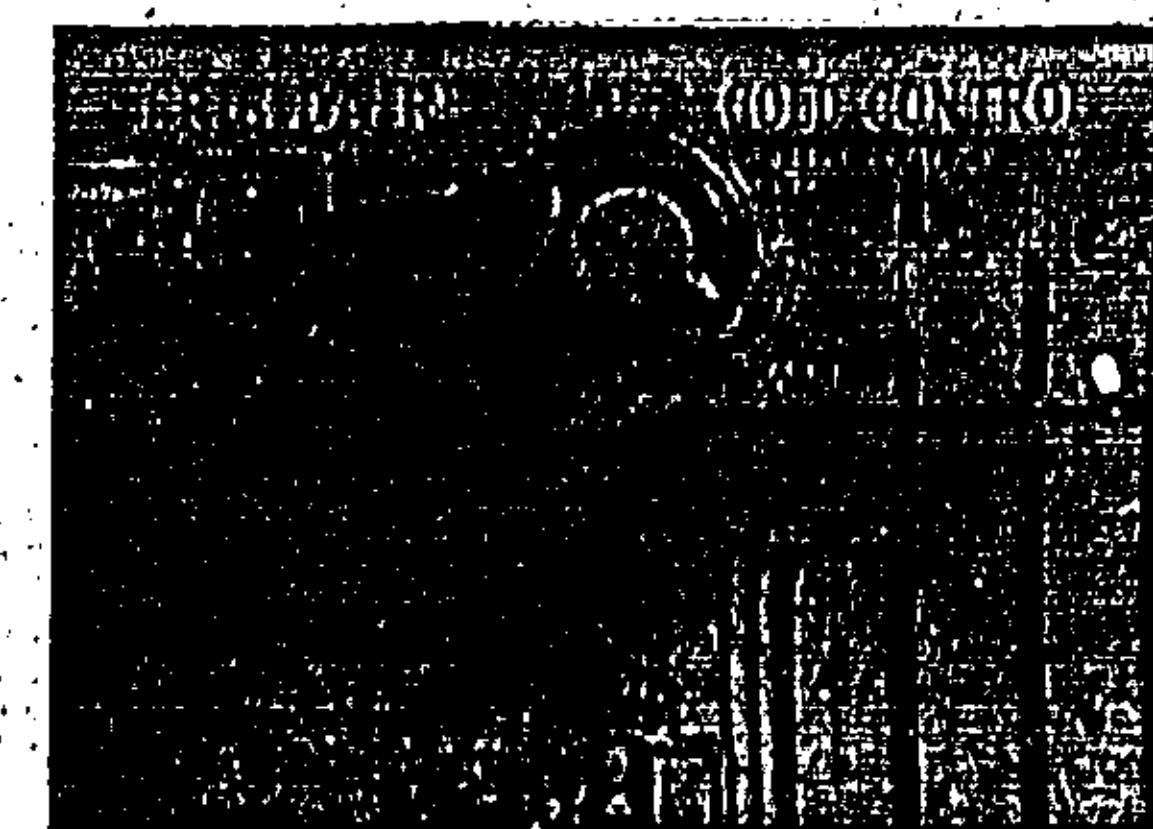
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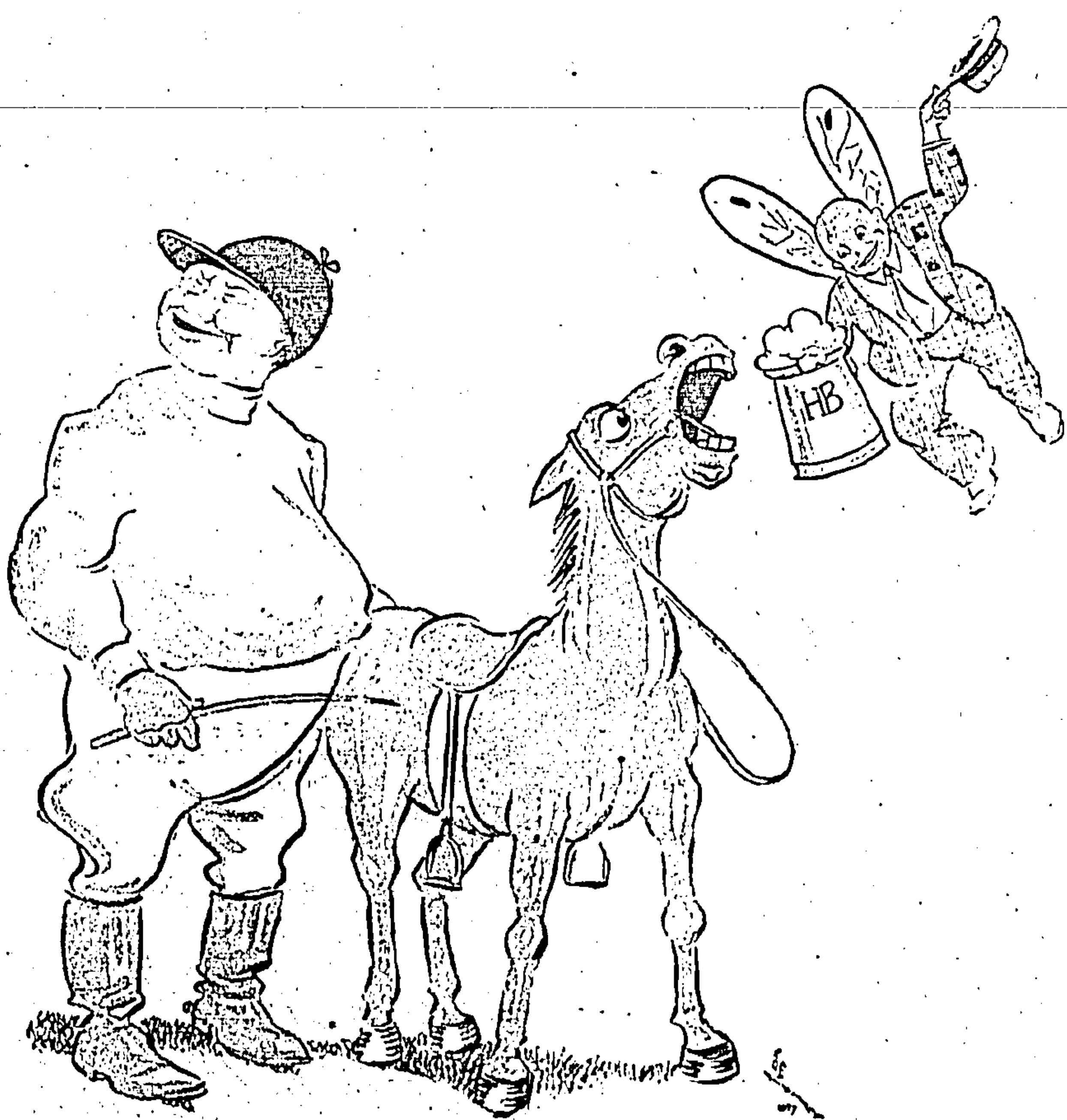
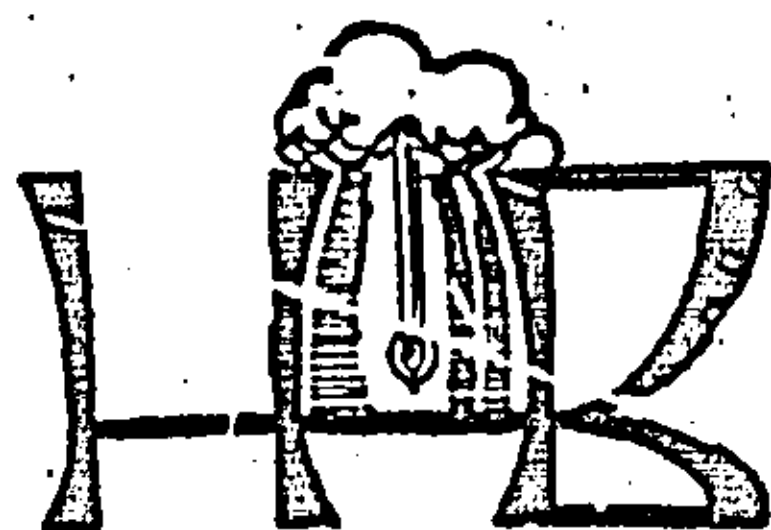


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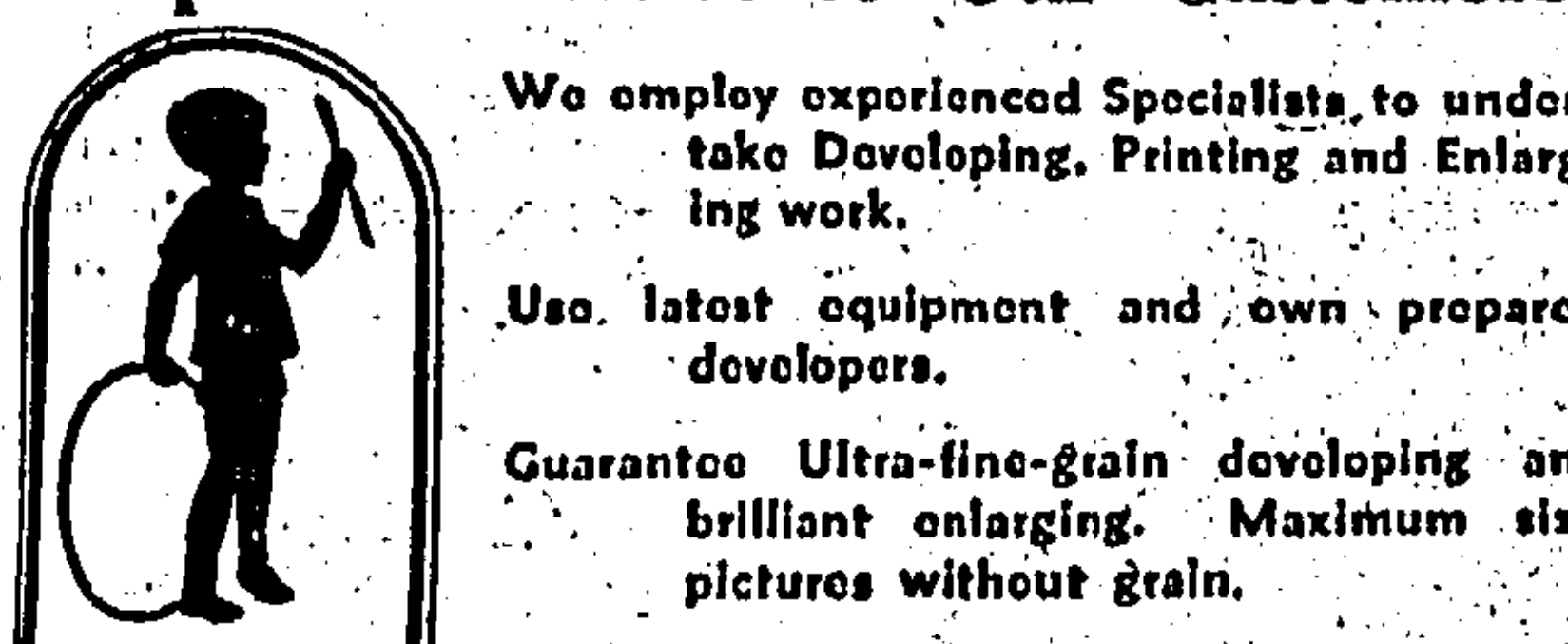
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LATE NEWS

Rome Sees Extension Of War Zones

Threatening Situation

ROME, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Newspapers devote columns to despatches from all Europe about what their headlines describe as a "threat of war from the Black Sea to the Arctic."

While all refrain from comment, the impression is created that hostilities may break out at any moment in the Caucasus as well as in Northern Europe.

Turkey Will Act

Some newspapers prominently display Berlin reports about General Minkine Weyand's army in Syria and emphasize the vulnerability of the Soviet oil-bearing district. Cairo despatches stress the collaboration in the Near East between Britain, France and Egypt. The "Tribuna" quotes the statement in an Istanbul newspaper that Turkey will enter the war on the side of the Allies on the day any Power marches against the Balkans.

Achilles Crew In New Zealand

AUCKLAND, N.Z., Feb. 23 (UP).—The crew of the cruiser Achilles made a victory march through streets crowded with cheering people to the civil reception and luncheon to-day.

The Mayor, Sir Ernest Davis, presided, and presented Captain Parry with Lord Nelson's first dirk.

NEAR EAST WARFARE

Turkish Press Warning Of Future Developments

Istanbul, Feb. 23. The Press issues a warning to-day that Turkey can expect the war to spread to the Near East.

The authoritative Cumhuriyet recalls General Sir Archibald Wavell's inspection of the troops in Palestine. There is no secret that the British and French now have defensive and offensive forces in the Near East, it declares.

This is the first time that the word offensive has been applied to the British and French forces in the Near East.

The paper then points out that under the German-Soviet accord, Germany received considerable supplies that the Allies desire to cut off. The Vakit, explaining the reasons for the Cabinet assuming special powers, declares, "The war has not yet reached our frontiers but none can guarantee it will not to-morrow."

—United Press.

Arrests in Armenia

Paris, Feb. 23. Press reports speak of mass arrests in Georgia, Armenia, near the vital pipe line through which oil enriches the Russian fields around Baku and reaches ports in the Black Sea.

There are reports of Soviet troop concentrations on the Caucasus, but at the same time a violent "hale campaign" is being directed against Iran and Turkey.

Other reports say that Russia is preparing to propose to Turkey the re-opening of Russo-Turkish conversations.—United Press.

Scandinavian Bloc

PARIS, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Hope is expressed in authoritative French circles that the Scandinavian States will form a solid bloc against external threats on the lines of the Balkan Entente.

Scandinavians To Confer

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The Swedish Foreign Minister, M. Gunder, is travelling to Copenhagen to-night by train to attend the conference of the Foreign Ministers of Denmark, Sweden and Norway that opens there to-morrow.

Although the maritime question is the direct occasion of the meeting, there is no doubt that the Ministers will take the opportunity of discussing many matters urgently concerning all three states, including (1) the question of Finland and the attitude to be adopted in the event of open intervention by another power; (2) problems relating to Scandinavian security, especially in the event of an invasion of any of these countries.

Although Scandinavian exasperation at the difficulties of neutral shipping has been rising steadily, it is expected that any sensational results will emerge from the conference, which will probably be concluded by Sunday.

Norway To Seek Arbitration

OSLO, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—It is learned that the Norwegian Government intends to propose to the British Government that the Altmark affair be submitted to arbitration if the Anglo-Norwegian negotiations now proceeding do not lead to an agreement.

Red Denial

MOSCOW, Feb. 23 (UP).—The Tass Agency officially denies that Russian planes bombed or even flew over Pajala, or "over Swedish territory in general."

It also denies reports that Russia has demanded new naval bases from Estonia, Latvia or Lithuania as "sheer fabrication."

OBITUARY

Mrs. Minnie Logan Dies After Long Illness

The death occurred at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday after a long illness of Mrs. Minnie Logan, member of a large family known throughout the Far East. She was 55 years of age.

Mrs. Logan, who was the widow of the late Mr. James H. Logan, of Shanghai, had been in Hongkong for some months and intended returning to her home in Shanghai at an early date. She had actually booked her passage by a ship which left last week but her weak condition prevented her from undertaking the voyage.

Mrs. Logan was the mother of two Hongkong residents, Driver Cyril Logan, of the Royal Army Service Corps, Army batsman and wicket-keeper, and Mrs. T. A. Madar, another son is Archie Logan, Shanghai Interport swimmer who is well known in Hongkong. There are other children in various parts of the world. The funeral will arrive at the Hindoo crematorium at noon to-day. No flowers by request.

Capt. Elmore Worrick

Manila, Feb. 22. Capt. Elmore Worrick, 71, of Stephenson County, Illinois, a Spanish war veteran and a prominent lumberman died to-day.—United Press.

Mr. Eijiro Takahashi

Tokyo, Feb. 23. Japan has been deprived of one of the greatest living Kabuki Actors by the death of Mr. Eijiro Takahashi, alias Sadanji Ichikawa, aged 60, this morning.—Domet.

SERVICES' COMFORTS

Letters Of Appreciation Received In Colony

Below are published extracts from letters from London in regard to the hospital supplies and knitted comforts sent from Hongkong by the British War Organisation Fund.

The Officer in Charge of Army Comforts Depot, our sincere gratitude for the gifts you have sent which will be despatched to the British Expeditionary Force, and I know be gratefully appreciated by the fortunate recipients. I would ask that all who helped may know how much their kindly thoughts and actions are appreciated at this end."

The British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John of Jerusalem have sent a similar acknowledgment and added:

DEATH

FRANCO.—At 2 a.m. on February 24, 1940, at her residence 35 Robinson Road, Hongkong Miss Sophia Maria Franco, aged 76 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

"Would you be so kind as to convey to the ladies of the British War Organisation Fund at Hongkong, our great appreciation of the work they are doing on behalf of the sick and wounded."

The following acknowledgment has also been received from the Depot for Knitted Garments for the Royal Navy:

"Will you thank the British War Organisation Fund for their magnificent gift of garments to the men of the Fleet. When they arrive they will be sent on immediately and will be more than gratefully received by them."

In all, 38 cases have been despatched since the inception of the Organisation in Hongkong, and it is expected that fifteen or sixteen cases more will be shipped early next month.

Donation To St. Dunstan's. Arising out of an urgent appeal from St. Dunstan's Home, the President and Committee of the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch, have decided to allocate a sum of £1,000 out of the funds in their hands for remittance to that Institution.

It is understood that donations to St. Dunstan's are also being utilised for assisting men and women of the Army, Navy and Air Force and members of the Regular Fire Brigades and Police Forces, who may be blinded in the present war.

LABOUR HEADS POLL

Communist and Fascist Lose Deposits

London, Feb. 23.

The by-election in Silvertown, London's dock quarter, contested by pro-war Labour, anti-war Fascists and Communists brought an overwhelming victory for the Labour candidate.

J. H. Hollins (Labour) 14,343. F. J. Pollitt (Communist) 966. T. H. C. Moran (Fascist) 151.

The Fascist and Communist forfeited their deposits.

The victorious Labour candidate, after the declaration of the poll said: "The result is an expression of opinion by the workers of this country that they are standing solidly in their determination to wipe out this evil thing from the face of Europe."

The election was caused by the resignation of Mr. Jack Jones, who at the general election polled 18,177 votes against 4,276 by Mrs. E. E. Tennant, Conservative.

The Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, M. Inst. C.E., has been appointed to be an Official member of the Legislative Council.

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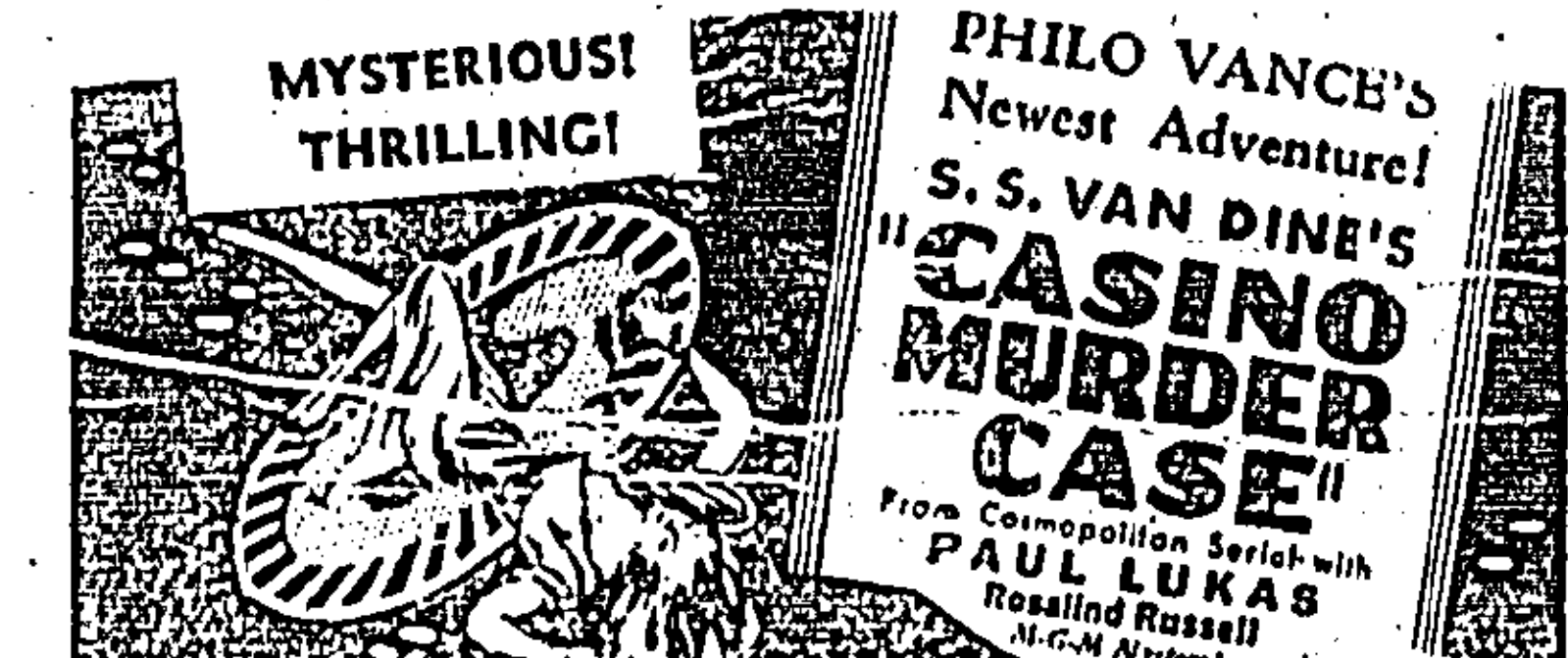
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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, FEB. 24 (UP).—UNCONFIRMED REPORTS HERE STATE THAT THE BRITISH NAVY HAS COMMENCED THE BLOCKADE OF THE RUSSIAN ARCTIC PORT OF MURMANSK.

IT IS BELIEVED HERE THAT A FULL SQUADRON OF BRITISH WARSHIPS ARE NOW STATIONED OFF MURMANSK.

The object of the blockade is to prevent the entry or departure of German ships from the Russian port.

It is emphasised that Britain, as a belligerent, is at liberty under International Law to prevent the entry or departure of enemy ships, so long as the action is taken upon the High Seas and not inside Russian territorial waters.



The British action does not constitute intervention in the Russo-Finnish War.

Simultaneously with this report from Copenhagen, a Rome message states that all telephonic communication to Turkey and other European capitals has been cut off.

The reason for the interruption is not stated. Operators express the opinion that the stoppage of communications may be only temporary.

NAZI SUPPLY ROUTE BOTTLED?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 23 (UP).—Official silence is being maintained in naval circles regarding Copenhagen reports that a British fleet is lying off Murmansk.

However, informed quarters point out that a blockade of Murmansk would imply a warlike act against the port of a neutral Power with whom Britain is outwardly on good terms.

If the British fleet off Murmansk is watching for German shipping, or other shipping en route to Germany, it would be carrying out Contraband Control in that area similar to the control they have been exercising along all the major shipping lanes converging on Europe.

The British Fleet in that vicinity would have a two-fold purpose; firstly to prevent cargoes moving from Murmansk to Germany and secondly, to prevent German ships from returning from the Atlantic via the Arctic and reaching safely in Norwegian territorial waters.

Another possible explanation for the British fleet's presence near Murmansk would be the interruption of possible shipments of German war materials to Russia, which would be in line with the British seizures of German exports as authorised by Order in Council last November.

Weather Cause Of Explosion

No Sabotage Evidence Says Coroner

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—A verdict of accidental death was recorded at the inquest of the victims of the Wallingford explosion last month.

The Coroner said that there was no evidence of sabotage. Evidence was given by Colonel Perrera, military assistant to the Chief Superintendent of Ordnance Factories, that a Court of Enquiry had concluded that the most likely cause of the explosion was the abnormal weather.

The Court had considered it possible that it was due to the nitro-glycerine becoming frozen and had been inadvertently worked in that state by one of the operatives.

MORE NAZI LOSSES

Another Two U-Boats Reported Sunk

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Rumours were current in London last night that two more U-Boats have been sunk in the North Sea.

No official details are available. It is understood that the R.A.F. played a part in the sinkings.

Trawler Captured.—LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The official German wireless states that the German trawler, "Herr Lichkel", has been captured by British warships off the Norwegian coast.

Australian On Bail In Japan

TOKYO, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—It is reported from Kobe that the Rev. E. E. Watts, who was mentioned in the House of Commons on February 21 as one of the three Britons detained by the Kobe police without any charge being filed against them, is now out on bail.

ITALY SEES EXTENSION OF WAR ON BIG SCALE

SPLENDID PRIZES AT VALLEY

Huge Crowd Attends Children's Day

Children's Day which marked the concluding programme of the Hongkong Jockey Club's annual race meeting this afternoon, attracted a huge crowd, including many hundreds of youngsters with their parents.

Glorious weather again favoured the meeting and provided a fast track. However, the first half of the programme passed off without any new records being established.

Being very brisk and great interest was shown in the cash sweeps, the fifth race paying a first prize of over \$6,000.

THE RESULTS

Results were as follows:

1.—GUINNESS SPRING HANDICAP.

Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250.

For China Ponies, bona fide 5 furlongs.

Time—1:22.4. Winner \$11.50. Places \$3.50, \$3.50, \$6.50.

2.—ONE MILE.

Mrs. J. H. Tarrant's CRAIGAVAD 150 lb. (C. Encarnacao) 1.

T. K. L. O'LAN 150 lb. (V. Needa) 2.

L. Dunbar's DUPONT BAY 150 lb. (D. Black) 3.

Twenty-five Starters.

Won by 1 1/2 lengths; 3/4 length.

Time—1:22.4. Winner \$11.50. Places \$3.50, \$3.50, \$6.50.

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THE LUCKY NUMBERS

Cash Sweep Winners At The Valley

The following lucky numbers came up at the Valley to-day.

RACE 1

No. 2124 \$2,180.00

" 1095 625.00

" 1511 312.00

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos.

1835, 4688, 210, 4184, 6130, 3599,

2117, 3305, 5144, 2012, 4375, 6061,

1764, 3185, 1022, 4046, 1970, 3063.

RACE 2

No. 5521 \$2,632.00

" 5103 752.00

" 5470 376.00

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos.

5958, 4774, 1850, 5737, 2037, 2354,

1665, 2227, 5250, 4303, 921, 3077, 5990,

2400, 5386, 2031.

RACE 3

No. 0342 \$3,477.00

" 710 802.00

" 1090 406.00

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos.

2970, 5103, 4977, 6090.

RACE 4

No. 33 \$3,023.20

" 1021 1,035.20

" 3828 317.00

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos.

6500, 0220, 4550, 3420, 6078, 558, 6160,

6330, 1320, 3012, 2840, 6008.

RACE 5

No. 0552 \$5,059.00

" 1102 1,570.00

" 3010 630.40

Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): Nos.

6122, 3011, 3073, 6353, 604, 6088, 2123,

0935.

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ROME, FEB. 23 (REUTER).—NEWSPAPERS DEVOTE COLUMNS TO DESPATCHES FROM ALL EUROPE ABOUT WHAT THEIR HEADLINES DESCRIBE AS A "THREAT OF WAR FROM THE BLACK SEA TO THE ARCTIC."

While all refrain from comment, the impression is created that hostilities may break out at any moment in the Caucasus as well as in Northern Europe.

TURKEY WILL ACT

Some newspapers prominently display Berlin reports about General Maxime Weygand's army in Syria and emphasise the vulnerability of the Soviet oil-bearing district.

Cairo despatches stress the collaboration in the Near East between Britain, France and Egypt.

The "Tribuna" quotes the statement in an Istanbul newspaper that Turkey will enter the war on the side of the Allies on the day any Power marches against the Balkans.

NAZI FEARS

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—"Something is doing in the Near East."

This warning to the German people was contained in the "Nyctid" to-day, in commenting on the recent visit of Mr. Anthony Eden to Egypt.

Germany, the paper admitted, could not prevent mobilisation if it takes place in Near Eastern countries. "We fear that the hopes of the Arab world that they will be able to finish with the hated Britons have vanished," the paper adds.

Scandinavian Bloc

PARIS, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Hope is expressed in authoritative French circles that the Scandinavian states will form a solid bloc against external threats on the lines of the Balkan Entente.

Scandinavians To Confer

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The Swedish Foreign Minister, Mr. Guenther, is travelling to Copenhagen to-night by train to attend the conference of the Foreign Ministers of Denmark, Sweden and Norway who open there to-morrow.

Although the maritime question is the direct occasion of the meeting, there is no doubt that the Ministers will take the opportunity of discussing many matters urgently concerning all three states, including (1) the question of Finland and the attitude to be adopted in the event of open intervention by another power; (2) problems relating to Scandinavian security, especially in the event of an invasion of any of these countries.

Although Scandinavian exasperation at the difficulties of navigation at the difficulties of shipping is not expected that any sensational results will emerge from the conference, which will probably be concluded by Sunday.

THIS WINNING DERBY TICKET WAS BAD LUCK

DERBY Sweep ticket No. 592530 was a lucky one—for the syndicate in the Hongkong Telephone Company which purchased it.

But it has brought plenty of bad luck to Li On, a 37-year-old barber.

He was commissioned by a large number of amahs to purchase fifty tickets in the Derby Sweep for them. Instead, he purchased ten, none of which included any of the numbers which included forty fictitious numbers.

One of the fictitious numbers was 602550; it drew a pony! Delighted amahs surged around the unhappy barber, excited at the prospect of sharing the \$3,432. Some even generously anticipated a gift of cash.

All the explanations in the world would not convince the amahs. So Li On appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen in the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with falsely pretending to have bought fifty chances in the Derby Sweepstakes. He pleaded Guilty.

"This is a lesson to you," said the Magistrate. "If you had been honest you would have been much richer to-day."

Mr. Macfadyen bound Li over in the sum of \$40 to be of good behaviour for a year. He was ordered to repay \$40 to the members of his syndicate, in default one month's imprisonment.

RUSSIANS POUND AT FINN CITY

BY RALPH FORTE

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 23 (UP).—The Red Army smashed through snow, and sleet in their climatic offensive against the Mannerheim Line in yesterday's attacks after losing more than 3,000 dead, according to a Finnish communique.

Russian tanks and artillery are participating in huge scale fighting before Viborg where, Finnish reports claim, a most furious war is in progress. The Red Army's attack being directed chiefly against Viborg.

The Finnish communique states that during Thursday's fighting Russian attacks were repulsed at Yla-Somme—about seven miles south of Viborg. It added that the Red Army's attacks were also directed towards Naykkijaervi and Kamara, railroad stations on the main line from Leningrad to Viborg.

Further it claimed that sixteen Russian tanks were destroyed during to-day's fighting.

Newspaper reports from Stockholm stated that there are unconfirmed reports that Stalin has arrived in Leningrad to participate in the Red Army's celebrations.

Shanghai Fixes Cost Of Living

SHANGHAI, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Price-fixing regulations similar to those adopted by the French authorities will be put into effect in the French International Settlement in the next few days, the "China Press" learns.

The Municipal Council is said to have instructed the Police to keep a close watch on speculators and profiteers in the commodity market.

ADMISSION BY FINNS

Reds Only Six Miles Off Viborg

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 24 (UP).—It has been officially announced that the shell-ravaged city of Viborg is still holding out against the Russian onslaught.

The communique admits that the Russians are now within six miles of the city.

Dispatches from Copenhagen also state that the battery at Kolviisto is still holding out.

The most spectacular attacks have been launched on the small neck separating the Muonio and Ayrapan lakes where Russian artillery have been unable to enter and fierce hand-to-hand fighting has ensued.

The Finnish reports claim that the Russians have lost two battalions of 1,100 each.

Tails Well Up

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—No comment on the fighting in Finland was made by either side. It

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The "Telegraph" publishes below the first of an exclusive series of articles on the War from the gifted pen of a foremost author.

By SOMERSET MAUGHAM

I DO not believe that the world yet realises how intense the French effort is and with what determination the whole country has applied its energies to the prosecution of the struggle.

Nor do I think people yet realise the spirit that has enabled the French nation to accept with fortitude and resignation the sacrifices they have been called upon to make.

I have spent six weeks making a survey of the activities of France.

I have been to the Front, I have visited a naval base, I have seen the factories in which are manufactured all things necessary for modern war from great cannon to shirts for the troops; I have stayed in the districts to which refugees from Alsace and Lorraine have been evacuated; I have talked to hundreds of people, from generals in command of an army corps to the humble priests of country parishes.

Though twice the time I had at my disposal would have been needed to give me even a bird's eye view of all that strenuous endeavour I have at least learnt a variety of things which I think it would be well for the world to know.

Thrice Called To Arms

EVERYONE knows with what efficiency France completed her mobilisation.

But what many people are apt to forget is that the French nation has been mobilised three times in one year. In September 1938, in the following March, and then again last August, all the able-bodied men of France between the ages of twenty and fifty were taken from their peaceful avocations to put on their uniform and assist the country in its peril.

Three times in one year every activity in the pleasant land of



A scene in France in 1918

France was dislocated. Is it surprising that they said it is too much? Is it surprising that they said to one another: "This time we must make an end of it: 'It is too much.'"

They set their teeth. I think there are few men in France who do not share the common feeling that this time they are going to see it through. They are going to fight now to the bitter end and they will never accept a peace that will expose them again perhaps in a short time, to the affliction, loss and inconvenience of another mobilisation. I have known the French all my life; I have never known them more calm, more resolute and more single-minded.

What ignorance of the French temper it showed when the Germans thought that in France they were fighting a house divided against itself!

Three Wars With the Huns

WHEN I was on the front I met one of the ablest gen-

erals the army possesses; he told me his mother was 86 and she had seen Germany at war with France three times.

"It is too much," he said. And when I was visiting the refugees I talked with a funny little old woman with white hair. "I'm over 80," she told me, "and this is the third time I've had to flee from my house in Lorraine." And she added: "It is too much."

It gave me a curious little pang in my heart to hear the poor old peasant woman use the selfsame words as the distinguished general had used.

The French want to be free for ever from the danger presented by an aggressive and belligerent neighbour; they want to be sure that for at least a century they will be safe from invasion; they want to spare their children from the horror of war which they have had to endure twice within twenty-five years; they want to be allowed to till their fields and tend their vineyards and devote themselves to the arts of peace.

They, Too, Blame

Versailles

MOST intelligent Frenchmen will tell you that France is not essentially an industrial nation, it is a nation above all of peasants and peasant-farmers.

Its artificers are little interested in mass-production; they prefer to give their time and attention to articles that require for their manufacture, taste and the personal touch.

Frenchmen have a deep-seated feeling that what they have to give the world does not compete with the products of the industrial nations. Their most valuable exports are those spiritual values which enlarge the mind and add to the elegance, variety and beauty of life.

There is a bitter feeling among the people of France that the present war has been thrust upon them by the obstinacy of the Allies at the Peace Conference which prevented them from obtaining the safeguards which they were convinced were necessary in order to prevent a resumption of the struggle for existence.

Many of them already foresaw in 1920 that with Germany united as it had never been before, it was inevitable.

They realise that the attitude that the Allies adopted was due to their fear of French Imperialism. But the French are not an Imperialistic nation. I am not now giving my own opinions but merely repeating what I have heard from the mouths of all manner of persons, persons in all walks of life. It is very generally admitted that the Napoleonic Imperialism was a disaster to France. The Colonial Empire has been won almost by accident and the sense of it has never entered into the consciousness of the French as our own Empire has into that of the English.

The feeling is universal, I think, that with a democracy like that of France Imperialism is out of the question; in the fierceness of political animosities a government that showed any tendencies in that direction would stand no chance of subsisting.

All Germany Is Her Enemy

But the census offers the conclusive argument against the possibility of imperialism. There are forty million people in France and the number is diminishing; unless urgent measures are taken after the war to augment it, in another generation the population will be alarmingly smaller.

Jean Giraudoux, who is not only a distinguished official at the Quai d'Orsay, but also an author of great talent, told me recently that he ascribed it to the war that France had suffered from during the last century, for before 1870 the natality of the country continued to increase; he suggested that the fear of war and the uncertainty of the

future had made people unwilling to burden themselves with large families and he expressed the opinion that the certainty of an enduring peace would cause a great change in this respect.

The Code Of Napoleon

IN the country they told me the responsibility must be attributed to the Code Napoleon which obliged the peasant-farmer to divide his land equally between his children and rather than break up his farm he limited his family to one son who could carry on, with, at the most perhaps a second in case the first one died.

Others have told me that the cause was to be sought in the selfishness of parents who hesitated to sacrifice their comforts to the needs of numerous children.

But, whatever the cause, the fact stands that the French are a nation of forty million people and they are confronted by a nation twice as large.

"How can we hope to go on holding our own against that vast number," they ask you, "unless this time at last we succeed in making ourselves unassailable?"

It is not territories they need, they have not the population to people them; it is security.

To get it they are prepared for any sacrifice for any sacrifice of ease and money and for the great sacrifice of life, and I think it is as well that the world at large should realise that they are determined not to allow themselves again to be cheated of it.

The French do not believe that they can attain security merely by overthrowing Hitler and his government. The French are not at war with a band of gangsters; they are at war with Germany. They are convinced that if the Nazi leaders were overthrown Germany would in a short time spawn other leaders as ruthless and as dangerous. They have not forgotten Bismarck and William II.

One brought an army to invade their land in 1870 and the other in 1914. They look upon Hitler as an embodiment of all the instincts of aggression and the desire of domination of the German people and these his destruction will do nothing to eradicate.

No, France is at war, doggedly, resolutely, heroically, not with Hitler and the Nazis only, but with Germany. She is prepared to live at peace with Germany, but only with a Germany powerless to threaten her security.

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Must Not Let Europe Run Amok Again

Commander Stephen King-Hall's Suggestions For Real Peace

PARIS, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—"When the war is over we must see that for a long period—at least for two generations—that no state in Europe has a possibility of running amok," said Commander Stephen King-Hall when lecturing to-day to a fashionable French audience.

The responsibility therefore rests with England and France, he continued.

We must create in the minds of our two peoples a healthy respect and real affection for the country which is neither French nor British but Franco-British, he said.

The sacrifice would not end with the war, he said, and the danger was that once peace was obtained the people would exclaim "Let's get back to our normal life."

That, he said, would sow the seeds for a third war.

Consultative Council. We must not attempt to solve problems within the national framework. Steps should be taken to establish new departments in Britain and France, he said, and foreign ministers should be devoted to the task of working out ways and means of Anglo-French co-operation in peace-time.

"I would establish a consultative Council, 50 per cent. French and 50 per cent. British. This would do for Anglo-French co-operation what the Dominions Office does for relations between the Dominions and Britain," he continued.

Asking why Europe was afflicted each generation with a major war, Commander King-Hall said that the reason was that there were two sorts of nations at different stages of political evolution. One group included England, France, Holland, and Sweden, for example, who understood that we were living in the twentieth century. The other group, he said, comprised the Russians and Germans who were still in the 19th or 18th century.

Prosecution's Evidence

Magistrate Doubts Validity Of Cases

Searched while leaving by sampan a steamer which had arrived in the Colony on Thursday, Chu Mak, 40, comrade of the steamer, was found to have in his possession a number of letters and documents.

Chu was charged with a breach of the Defence Regulations when he appeared before Mr. Himsworth, at Kowloon Magistrate's Court, this morning and the case was adjourned for 48 hours for further enquiries. Defendant was allowed bail of personal bond of \$50.

The charge is that Chu had in his possession documents recording information for the purpose of conveying them outside the Colony or into the Colony otherwise than by Post. Chu, in answer to the charge, said he was only carrying out instructions from the Chief Officer to take the documents ashore to the premises of the Company.

Written in Colony. Captain Lee, master of the ship, said some of the letters were written in the Colony in his presence, and he did not think that the Regulations would apply in that case. One of the letters seized by the Police related to the supply of oil and coal to be sent aboard the ship, and this could not be written until after the arrival of the ship in Port.

Inspector Shepherd, who prosecuted, said that letters and documents on all ships coming in or going out of the Colony were conveyed from ship to shore in a bag sealed by the Customs who boarded the ship on its arrival. The sealed bags had to be delivered to the Customs intact.

Mr. Himsworth: If the documents were written inside the Colony, they cannot come into the Colony as they are already in. It is up to the Prosecution to prove their case.

The case was then adjourned for 48 hours as it is possible that it may be withdrawn by the Prosecution.

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is clear, however, that while the Soviets gained some successes in the early part of the week at enormous cost, the Finns still have their tails well up.

The Finnish radio announcer at Lahti, commenting to-day on the Soviet celebration of the 22nd anniversary of the Red Army and Fleet, said that a great victory was put on programme in honour of the day.

Immense concentrations of troops and war materials were sent back to the Karelian Isthmus and Soviet Russia's best officers and crack troops were sent to the front.

A decisive defeat of the Finnish Army was expected. On February 1, continued the Finnish announcer, the offensive started, but the successes were far below expectations.

More And Bigger Lies. To keep up the morale of the population, successes, therefore, had to be invented and it so happened that sometimes the reports were contradictory.

"We can only hope," chuckled the Finnish announcer, "that the Soviet leaders will invent more and bigger lies to spare public disappointment on the anniversary of the Red Army."

Despite reports of victories, the announcer concluded, the population of Leningrad is sceptical about the "successes." The strings of wounded returning from the front tell another tale, for the hospitals are full and the wounded may die owing to the lack of trained hospital staffs and medicines.

Japan Replies To French Protest

PARIS, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—It is learned in authoritative circles that the Government has now received a reply from Japan to its protest at the bombing of the French-owned Yun-nan Railway.

The reply is said to be framed in a conciliatory spirit, stressing the Japanese Government's desire to settle the incident amicably.

"Some Aviation Activity"

PARIS, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Today's communiqué states that there was some aviation activity on either side.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives rejected by 161 to 144 votes the proposal that approval of Congress should be required for all future reciprocal trade pacts entered into by the United States.

The House of Representatives also rejected the proposal that the Senate alone should ratify pacts.

Miss M. A. M. Mackay has been appointed to be Nursing Sister in Government Service.

British Summer Time will come into force in England at 2 p.m. tomorrow. The difference in time between Hongkong and Greenwich will then be seven hours instead of eight.

BRITISH WARSHIPS STOP SOVIET, ITALIAN SHIPS

ISTANBUL, Feb. 23 (Domet).—British warships stopped and searched one Soviet and two Italian steamers near the Dardanelles allegedly in Turkish waters on Thursday. It was reported here to-day.

More-Belisha Speaks

URGES ALLIED AID FOR FINNS

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—That France and Britain should throw all their weight by sea, air and land into the task of helping Finland was urged by Mr. Leslie More-Belisha, the former Minister of War, addressing his constituents at Devonport to-day.

This was his first public speech since resigning the War Ministry.

No Easy Task

The Allies have no easy task before them, he said. To assure a triumph they must rely not on an internal enemy collapse, but defeat by an external force. The continued resistance of Finland gives reason to believe that Russia might rest on insecure foundations.

"The risk of helping Finland may be great but the risk of not helping her may be greater."

Does any body imagine that if Russia wins she will be satisfied with Finland or that Germany will not receive from Russia equivalent advantages in Scandinavia?

The Alternative

Control of Finland, Norway and Sweden by Germany and Russia would mean that our considerable purchases there could be stopped and that Germany would be able to organise additional markets for herself.

A well-planned adequate and decisive action now could curtail the duration of the war while any half-hearted intervention would be abortive from the start.

Seizure Of U.S. Mails

No Mention Of Armed Force At Bermuda

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The State Department made a statement to-day regarding reports that armed British marines boarded an American air liner at Bermuda.

The statement says that a telegram from Mr. Trippe, President of Pan-American Airways, the day after the alleged occurrence did not mention any such incident.

"No mention was made by Mr. Trippe or in the report from the American Consul that force was used or threatened in connection with the removal of mails from the plane."

Both the captain of the plane and the Pan-American representative were in communication with the Consul and had every opportunity to mention any use of force or threat of force by the British authorities.

Nye's Outburst

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Senator Gerald Nye, speaking at the annual banquet of Grand Master Masons, declared that "savage Britain" would come to terms quickly over the censorship of United States mails if American air liners in future avoided Bermuda.

"If German, Russian or Japanese authorities were to rifle our mails as the Britons are doing at Bermuda, how easy it might be to engage the people to an anger that was boundless."

Senator Nye added that Britain had good reason to disregard United States protests utterly, as they had meant nothing in the past.

Rhodesians Have Record Year

NAIROBI, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Southern Rhodesia will have a Department of State for Air, it is announced.

It will be under the Minister of Justice, Defence and Air.

It is also announced that 1939 was a record year for mining in Southern Rhodesia.

The value of all minerals mined was over £8,000,000 of which gold accounts for £5,000,000.

These figures are the highest yet recorded and represent steady increases in the past seven years.

136 Die In New Turkish Quakes

ANKARA, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The earthquake which rocked four Turkish villages on Thursday has been followed by six more shocks.

The death toll is now 136.

At the time of the major quake a few weeks ago, it was stated that minor shocks might be expected for several months to come.

Swedish Defence

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The Swedish Parliament has voted 45,000,000 kronor for the purchase of material to strengthen the air force, according to the Stockholm radio.

Girls' and Boys' Corner

Dear Kiddies,
Last week's colouring competition was very well done. I could see by the entries that many of you had spent a lot of time on colouring the picture.

The prize-winners this week are:—
Mary Grace Ascho (aged 13½), St. Stephen's College, Stanley.

Joan Thomson (aged 10), "Domini" Sassoon Road, Pokfulam.
Sylvia Reid (4¼), 3 W. O. Quar-
ters, Stanley.

Coupons have been sent to Mary Grace, Joan and Sylvia which I want them to bring to the "Hongkong Telegraph" offices in Wyndham Street. The coupons will then be exchanged for money prizes.

Specially commended for excellent work are the following:—
Seniors: Joan Gordon, Alice Lee, Wilfred Barman, Paul Wilson, Cynthia Silver, Chaz, Khan, Priscilla Wheeler, Ho Man-chun, G. Brummer, Patricia Reid, Dicky Yip.

Intermediates: Horacio Ozorio, Roberto Quan, John Fleming, Betty Davies, Eleanor Sanger, Fung King-cheung, S. S. Bux, Alan Dobbs, Betty Young, Roberto Vas.

Juniors: David Knight, Bertie Phillips, Alice Green, Joyce Guest, Philippa Hunscomb, Joan Brown, Peter Thompson, Greig Wright, Ann Daniel, Janice Chan, Charlie Ozorio, Timothy Hanlon, Jacqueline Barton, Susan Wood.

This week, kiddies, I want you to study the pictures given above. The names of six different fruits are hidden in these pictures. Can you find them?

If you can, write them down in a neat numbered list. Fill in the name, age and address coupon and send your entries to Uncle Eddie c/o "Hongkong Telegraph," Wyndham Street. The competition will close on Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Three prizes will again be given—one for the best entry in each age section.

Best of luck, kiddies.

Uncle Eddie



This is all my own work
Name Age
Address

Achilles Crew In New Zealand

AUCKLAND, N.Z., Feb. 23 (UP).—The crew of the cruiser Achilles made a victory march through streets crowded with cheering people to the civil reception and luncheon to-day.

The Mayor, Sir Ernest Davis, presided, and presented Captain Parry with Lord Nelson's first dirk.

French Convoys' Achievements

PARIS, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Of a total of 2,000 merchant ships, totaling 12,300 tons, convoyed by the French Navy since the beginning of the war only three have been sunk. The French Navy has escorted 116 convoys and co-operated with the British Navy in 33 other convoys.

Gen. Von Gronau Dies, Aged 90

BERLIN, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The death is announced of General von Gronau, aged 90, who fought in the Franco-Russian War and the Great War.

y), Mr. C. G. Melchers, formerly
to Messrs. Melchers and Company
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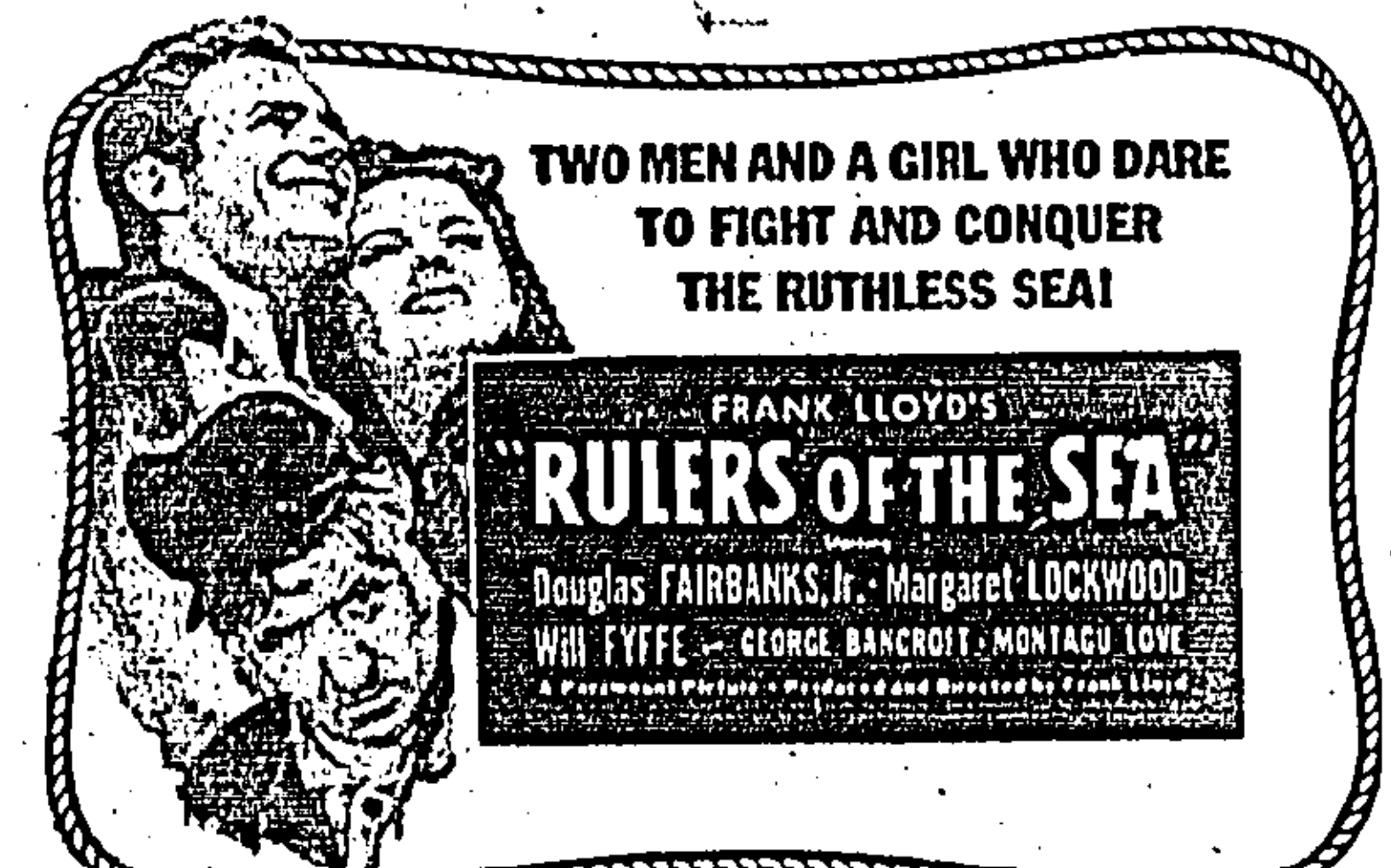
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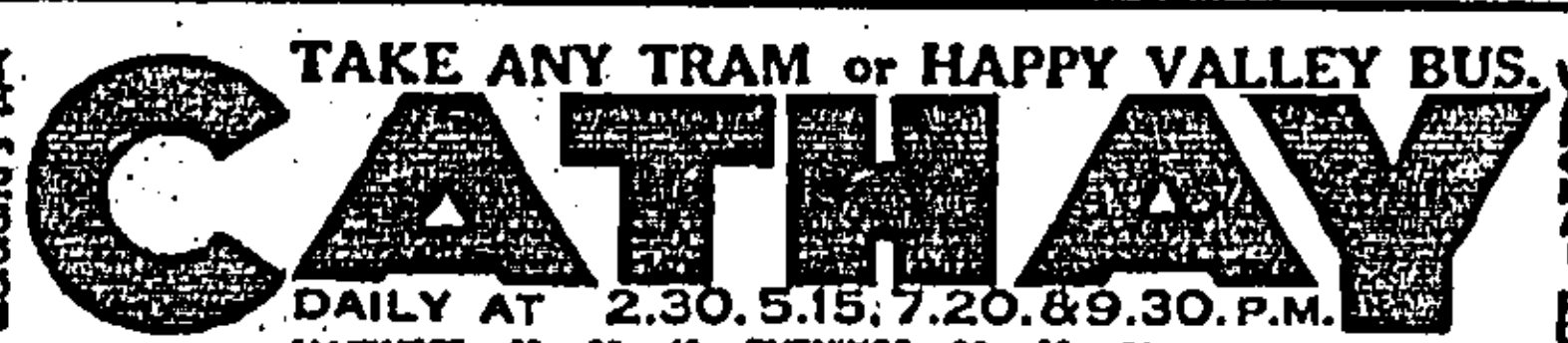


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Holland Makes A Discovery

Illuminated Signals Used By Spies

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Following the discovery of a spy ring in Holland, arrests are expected shortly in connection with luminous balls which have recently been fired into the air at night in various parts of the country.

The purpose of the balls is evidently to guide foreign aircraft.

It is already reported, though it is not confirmed, that some people being held in connection with the spy plot, are suspected of having sent them up.

The military authorities meanwhile are investigating reports that further coloured balls were shot in the sky near Amsterdam and Loenen a few nights ago.

The existence of the spy ring was disclosed with the arrest of six persons, including a German, at Groningen in north Holland. Police investigation followed the attempted escape of two foreign soldiers who had been interned.

Newspapers Warned

Censorship Privilege Must Not Be Abused

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Sir Walter Monckton, Director-General of the Press Bureau, had a frank talk with journalists at a Press Club luncheon to-day.

Sir Walter gave a warning that certain newspapers, "who prefer to do their own censorship," would not be allowed indefinitely to escape regulations which the Press generally accepted.

Appeals for Fair Play

He had not had to institute proceedings against any newspaper but in two cases had submitted the papers to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Sir Walter Monckton recalled that submission of news for censorship was voluntary, and appealed to the defaulters not to take an unfair advantage of the rest of the Press by failing to submit news when necessary.

"If not, though I should hate it, I cannot let it rest there," he concluded.

Nazi Trade Pact With Norway

OSLO, Feb. 23 (Dome).—An additional protocol to the German-Norwegian Trade pact of 1937 providing for the settlement of trade accounts and other important arrangements for facilitating the trade between the two countries was signed here to-day, concluding recent negotiations between the Governments of Germany and Norway.

Welles To Confer With Hitler

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The New York wireless states that Mr. Sumner Welles is expected to confer with Hitler when he visits Berlin.

It says that the American Ambassador called at the Foreign Office in Berlin to arrange a meeting.

Mr. Welles is expected to reach Berlin on Tuesday when he will interview Herr von Ribbentrop.

U.S. Will Put Up Cash For Planes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The Banking Committee of the House of Representatives has approved a Bill to increase the capital of the Export and Import Bank but in a slightly different form to that approved by the Senate.

The new form would allow a \$20,000,000 credit for Finland to be used for the purchase of aircraft.

Messrs. Fung Kong-un and Kan Tong-po have been nominated as members of the Court of the University of Hongkong for a further period of three years.

SPLENDID PRIZES AT VALLEY

FROM PAGE ONE

1.—FLEMINGTON PLATE.—Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, Grifins of this Meeting have started and have not won.

Marber's CONNEDER 152 lb. (P. Y. T. Wei) 1
Dr. Chau's ASCOT DAY 155 lb. (L. B. Chao) 2
Williamson's SEA JAY 153 lb. (D. A. Proulx) 3

Nineteen Starters.
Won by three quarters; one length and a half.
Time—1:02.3.
Parimutuel—Winner \$59.50. Places \$14.20; \$12.20; \$7.40.

1.—ICHANG HANDICAP.—(First Section).—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies classified "B" Class as at 31st December, 1939. Winners at this Meeting barred. Jockey Allowance, Entrance \$10. From the 1 1/2 Mile Post (About One Mile 171 Yards).

Mrs. Dunbar's DEAR CLAW 152 lb. (L. B. Chao) 1
L. B. & Coy's GALAXY 153 lb. (L. B. Chao) 2
Miss Li Po-chun's RED FEATHER 152 lb. (P. Y. T. Wei) 3

Seven Starters.
Won by 1/4 a length; 3/4 a length.
Parimutuel—Winner \$17.20. Places \$7.10; \$7.20; \$7.90.

4.—TAIPIING HANDICAP.—(First Section).—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies classified "B" Class as at 31st December, 1939. Winners at this Meeting barred. Jockey Allowance, Entrance \$10. From the 1 1/2 Mile Post (About One Mile 171 Yards).

Miss Li Po-chun's SHINGO 152 lb. (P. Y. T. Wei) 1
Manetta's CHATTERBOX 152 lb. (C. Encarnacao) 2
Fifteen Starters.
Won by two lengths; 1/4 a length.
Parimutuel—Winner \$43.50. Places \$14.40; \$24.40; \$12.20.

5.—BENARIA HANDICAP.—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subclassification Ponies classified "B" Class as at 31st December, 1939. Winners at this Meeting barred. Jockey Allowance, Entrance \$10. One Mile.

C. W. K.'s TWILIGHT STAR 154 lb. (L. B. Chao) 1
Cocoa's VIOLET QUEEN 152 lb. (L. B. Chao) 2
Li Shiu-tang's DISCOVERY 152 lb. (P. Y. T. Wei) 3

Eleven Starters.
Won by two lengths; short head.
Time—1:47.4.
Parimutuel—Winner \$23.10. Places \$7.10; \$9.20; \$12.20.

6.—WUHU HANDICAP.—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies classified "B" Class as at 31st December, 1939. Winners at this Meeting barred. Jockey Allowance, Entrance \$10. From the 1 1/2 Mile Post (About One Mile 171 Yards).

Miss Fearon's PALMER 153 lb. (P. Y. T. Wei) 1
L. T. F.'s LUCKY ELEVEN 147 lb. (S. L. Ling) 2
Kia Ora's ARABIAN CAT 150 lb. (D. Black) 3

Fourteen Starters.
Won by three-quarter length; half a length.
Time—1:12.
Parimutuel—Winner \$10.60. Places \$6.40; \$10.60; \$10.60.

7.—ICHANG HANDICAP.—(Second Section).—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies classified "B" Class as at 31st December, 1939. Winners at this Meeting barred. Jockey Allowance, Entrance \$10. From the 1 1/2 Mile Post (About One Mile 171 Yards).

Quartermaster's JENNIFER 157 lb. (L. B. Chao) 1
Li Po-chun's EXPANSION 157 lb. (P. Y. T. Wei) 2
Eu Tong-teng's POTENTATE 157 lb. (C. Encarnacao) 3

Thirteen Starters.
Won by two lengths; dead heat.
Time—2:08.1.
Parimutuel—Winner \$41.40. Places \$12; \$20 and \$20.20.

THE LUCKY NUMBERS

FROM PAGE ONE

RACE 6
No. 4566 \$3,071.00
" 6072 1,100.00
" 2083 553.00

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2873, 5676, 4006, 3189, 6108, 526, 0702, 964, 2036, 3520, 77.

RACE 7
No. 1494 \$6,535.20
" 5773 1,400.40
" 2698 1,400.40

Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): Nos. 1041, 5083, 3760, 2430, 2089, 0303, 5354, 6030, 4503, 2490.

NEW POWER STATION
His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Lady Northcote, will open the new power station of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., at Hok Un, at 5.15 p.m. on Monday.

NEAR EAST WARFARE

Turkish Press Warning Of Future Developments

Istanbul, Feb. 23.
The Press issues a warning to-day that Turkey can expect the war to spread to the Near East.

The authoritative Cumhuriyet recalls General Sir Archibald Wavell's inspection of the troops in Palestine. There is no secret that the British and French now have defensive and offensive forces in the Near East, it declares.

This is the first time that the word offensive has been applied to the British and French forces in the Near East.

The paper then points out that under the German-Soviet accord, Germany received considerable supplies that the Allies desire to cut off.

The Vakit, explaining the reasons for the Cabinet assuming special powers, declares, "The war has not yet reached our frontiers but none can foresee it will not to-morrow."

Arrests in Armenia

Paris, Feb. 23.
Press reports speak of mass arrests in Georgia, Armenia, near the vital pipe line through which oil enriches the Russian fields around Baku and reaches ports in the Black Sea.

There are reports of Soviet troop concentrations on the Caucasus, but at the same time a violent "hate campaign" is being directed against Iran and Turkey.

Other reports say that Russia is preparing to propose to Turkey the re-opening of Russo-Turkish conversations.—United Press.

LATE NEWS

Cricket Scores

Five o'clock scores from the various cricket grounds were as follows:
League (1st Div.)

Army 187 for 8 dec. University 21 for 1.
Craigengower 89. Recreio 30 for 6.

Second Division
Craigengower 173 for 6 dec. University 30 for 3.

Friendlies
K.C.C. 1st XI 160. H.K.C.C. 5 for 3.
H.K.C.C. 2nd XI 208 for 7 dec. K.C.C. 68 for 8.

Recreio Beaten

Club de Recreio, senior league champions, were dramatically beaten on their own ground this afternoon by Craigengower. Craigengower were dismissed for 86 and Recreio for 70. As a result, Recreio have seriously jeopardised their championship prospects, and K. C. C., now need either to win one of their two remaining games, or to draw both to make certain of the shield.

Cricket Results

I.R.C. beat Police by ten runs.
I.R.C. 98. Police 88 (League).
H.K.C.C. 2nd XI beat K.C.C. 2nd XI by 137 runs. H.K.C.C. 208 for 6 dec. K.C.C. 71. F. Weller scored 91 for H.K.C.C. (Friendly).

Army (177 for 6 dec) beat University (70 all out) by 107 runs (League).
Craigengower 2nd XI (173 for 6 dec) beat University 2nd XI (70 all out) by 94 runs (League).

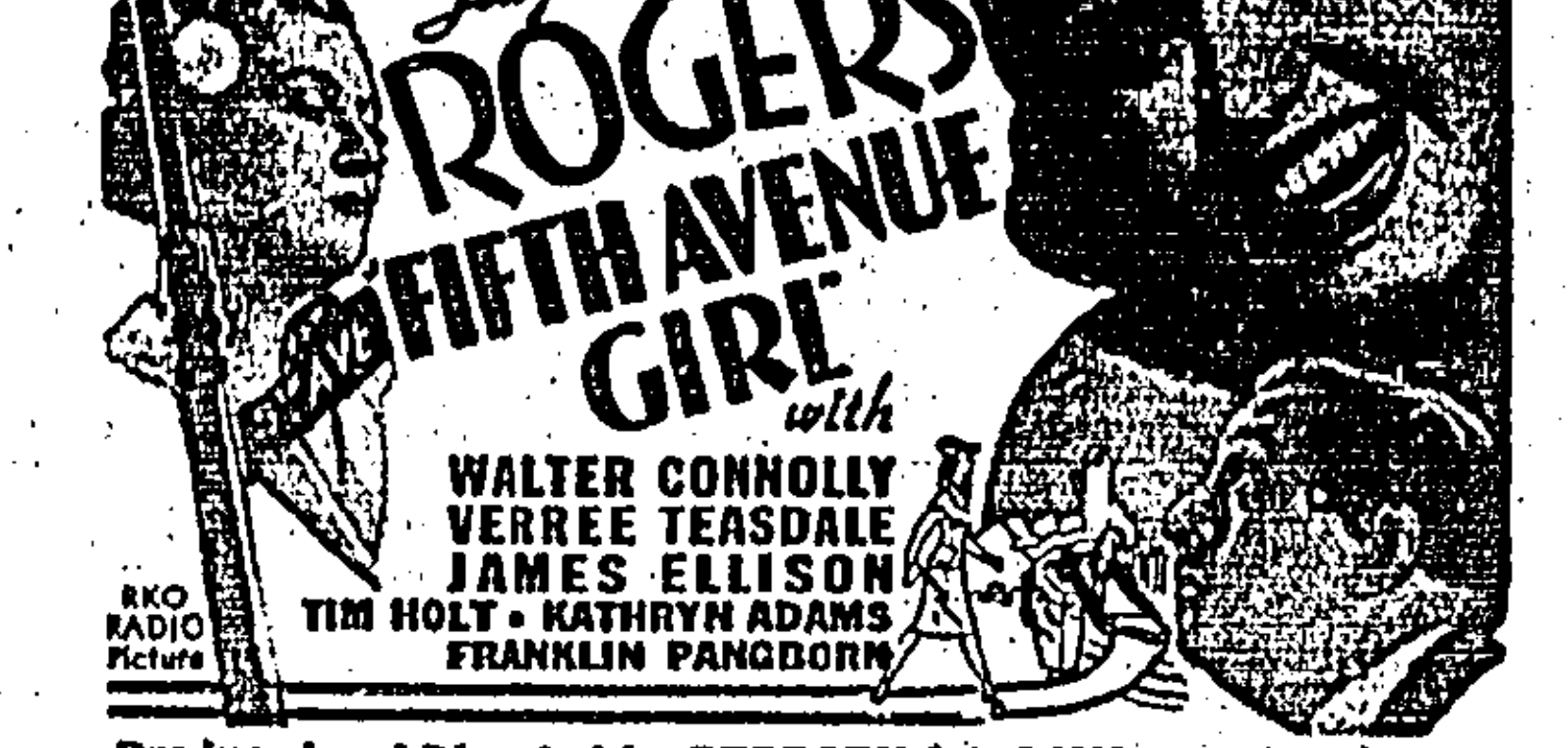
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